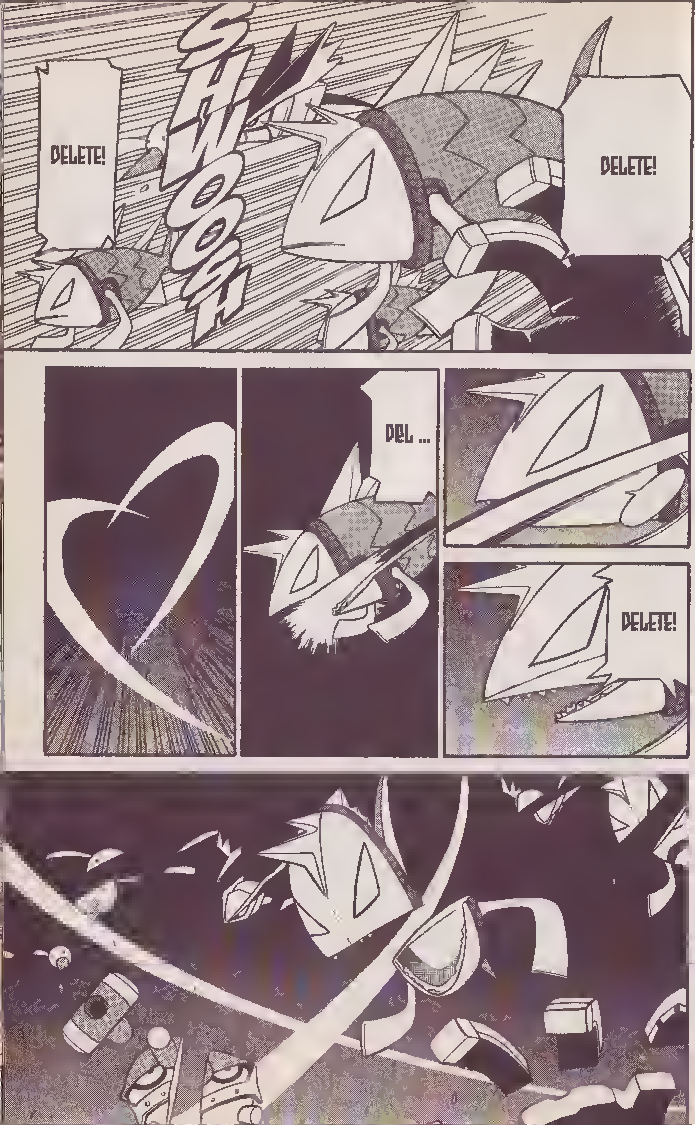
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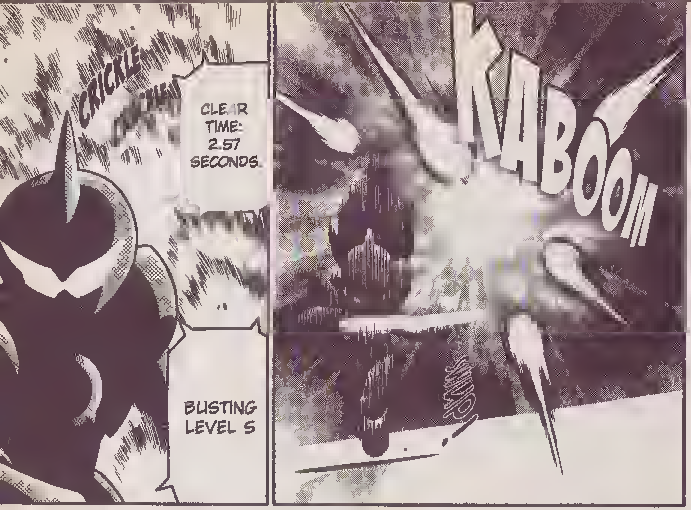
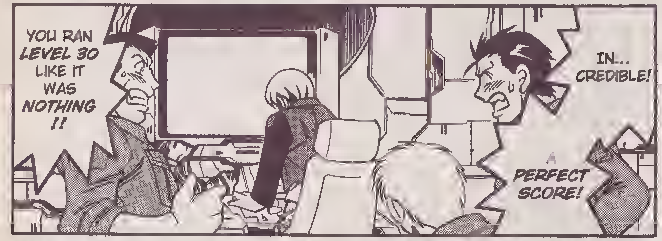
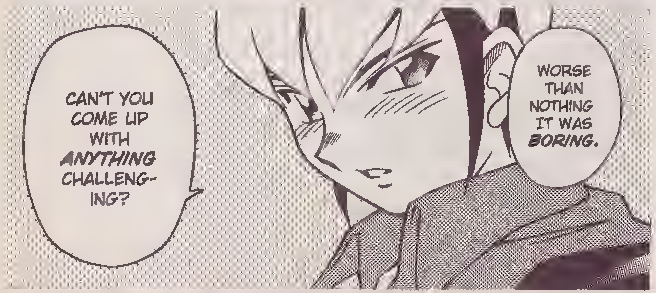
DELETE!
DEL ...
DELETE!

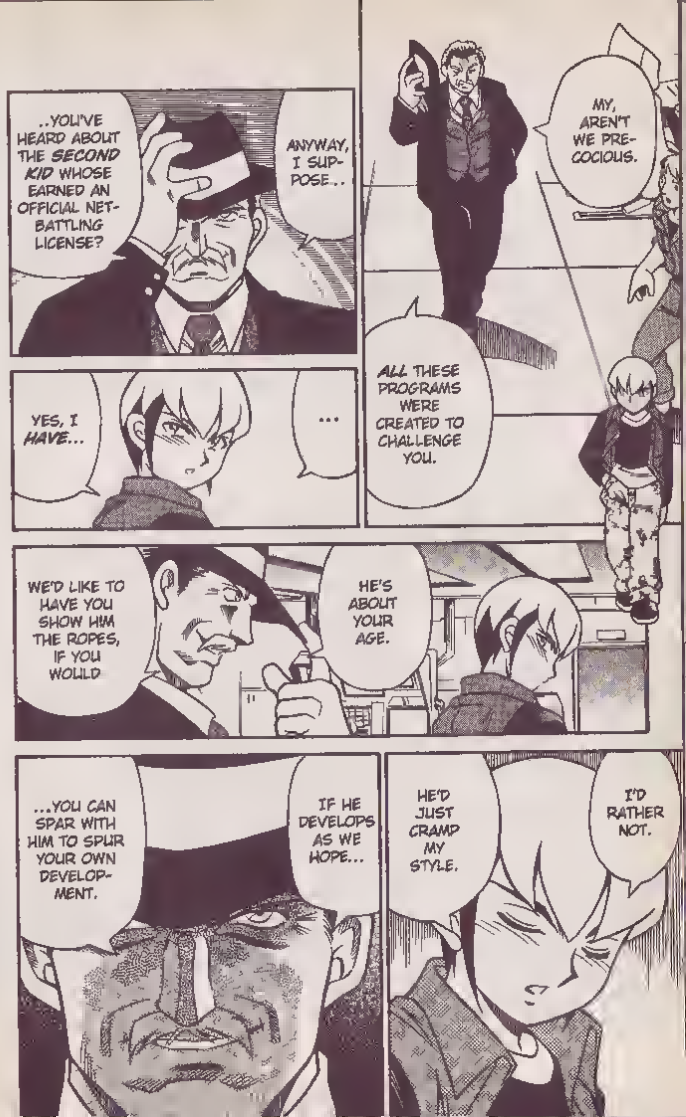




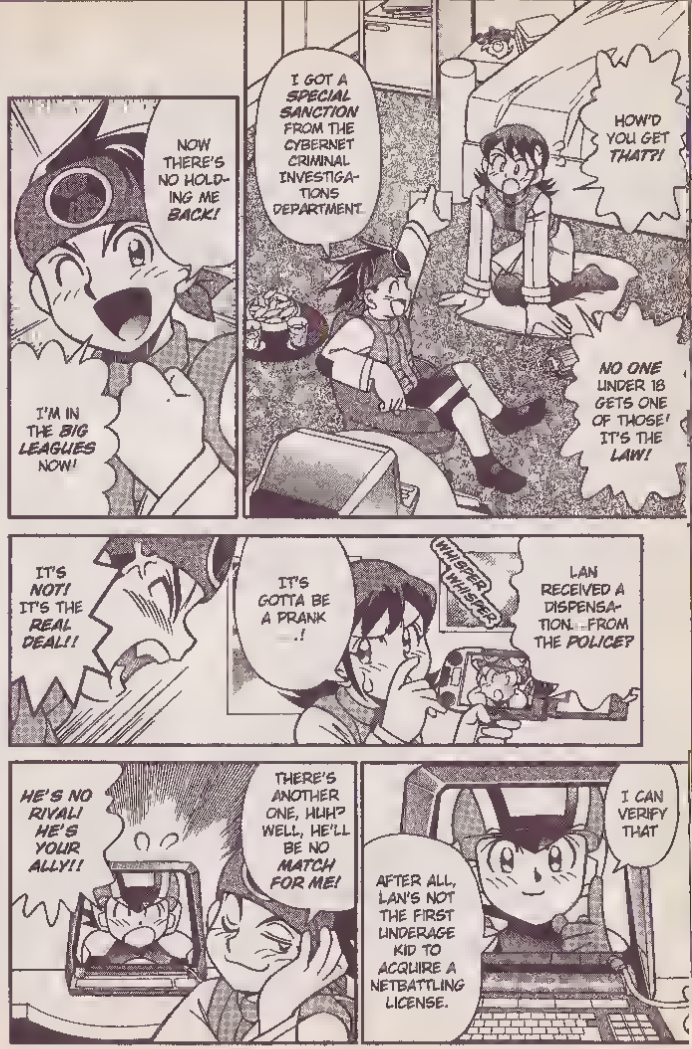


CHAPTER 1: THE NEW RIVAL!!

AND I'LL BE THE JUDGE.
.. OF WHAT THIS KID'S MADE OF. AND LACKS
THIS SHOULD MORE THAN FILL THE BILL
SO DON'T SPURN HIM. YOU WANTED A CHALLENGE?
YOU'RE STILL NOT FUNNY.
HEH HEH!
SPAR, SPUR, SPURN.. FILL BILL!!
...OFFICIAL NETBATTLER'S LICENSE!!
THIS IS A GEN-YOO-WINE, CERTIFIED ...
OFFICIAL NETBATTLER
LAN HIKARI
CHECK IT OUT, MAYLU!


..YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE SECOND KID WHOSE EARNED AN OFFICIAL NETBATTLING LICENSE?
ANYWAY, I SUPPOSE..
MY, AREN'T WE PRECOCIOUS.
ALL THESE PROGRAMS WERE CREATED TO CHALLENGE YOU.
YES, I HAVE...
...
WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU SHOW HIM THE ROPES, IF YOU WOULD
HE'S ABOUT YOUR AGE.
...YOU CAN SPAR WITH HIM TO SPUR YOUR OWN DEVELOPMENT.
IF HE DEVELOPS AS WE HOPE...
HE'D JUST CRAMP MY STYLE.
I'D RATHER NOT.

PIECE O' CAKE! NOW THAT I'M ON THE CASE, WORLD THREE'S TOAST!
LAN, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE UP TO A JOB LIKE THAT?
IF YOU'RE LICENSED, YOU'LL BE INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, RIGHT?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PUT A STOP TO WORLD THREE'S NETTERRORISM.
RIGHT!
HEH! BIT ENVIOUS, ARE WE?
...IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE AS EASY AS YOU THINK!
I DON'T KNOW THAT...
HAH! SEZ SOMEONE WHO COULDN'T GET LICENSED IN A MILLION YEARS!!
ENVIOUS?! HARDLY!!
SHUT UP! BOTH OF YOU!!
YOU'RE SO FULL OF YOURSELF YOU'RE BOUND TO SCREW UP!!

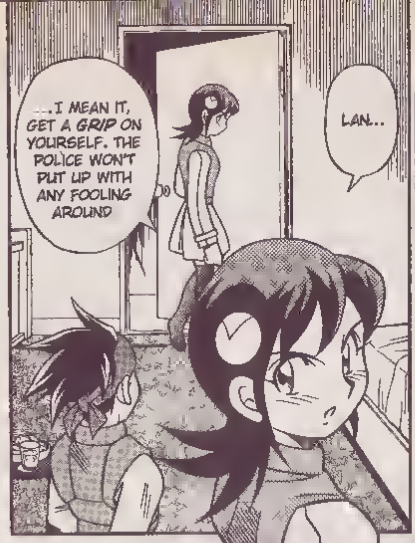

NOW THERE'S NO HOLDING ME BACK!
I'M IN THE BIG LEAGUES NOW!
I GOT A SPECIAL SANCTION FROM THE CYBERNET CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT.
HOW'D YOU GET THAT?!
NO ONE UNDER 18 GETS ONE OF THOSE! IT'S THE LAW!
IT'S NOT! IT'S THE REAL DEAL!!
IT'S GOTTA BE A PRANK...!
WHISPER WHISPER
LAN RECEIVED A DISPENSATION...FROM THE POLICE?
HE'S NO RIVAL! HE'S YOUR ALLY!!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE, HUH? WELL, HE'LL BE NO MATCH FOR ME!
AFTER ALL, LAN'S NOT THE FIRST UNDERAGE KID TO ACQUIRE A NETBATTLING LICENSE.
I CAN VERIFY THAT

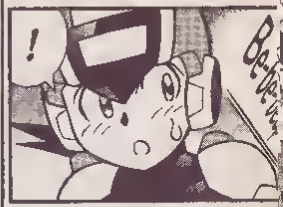
OKAY, LET'S GO.
I COULD USE A CHANGE OF SCENERY.

WHO DO I KNOW WITH THE INITIALS C.B.?

IT'S AN OLD RUNDOWN VIDEO ARCADE.
I'VE GOT AN I.D. ON SILVIA.

RIGHT ON TIME, TOO! COME OUT, COME OUT.
WELCOME
SILVIA
GAME
SILVA
HEY! GOT YOUR MESSAGE! HERE I AM!


...I MEAN IT, GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF. THE POLICE WON'T PUT UP WITH ANY FOOLING AROUND
LAN...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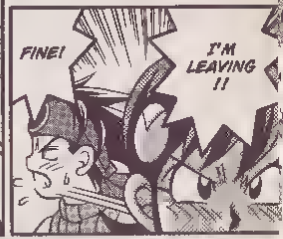
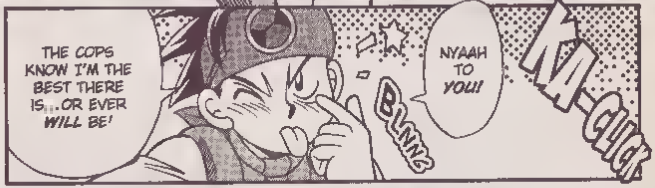
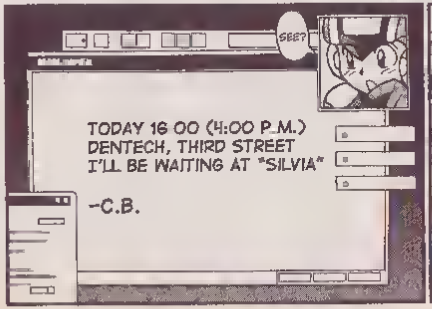
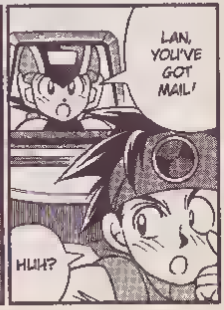
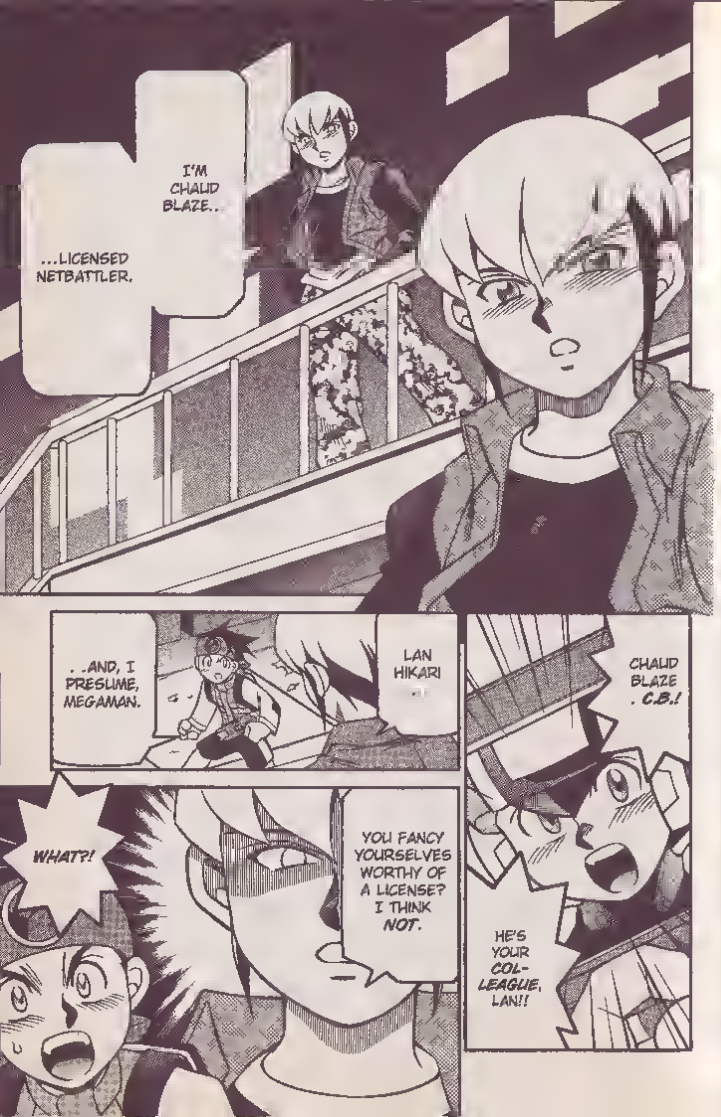
Beep Beep

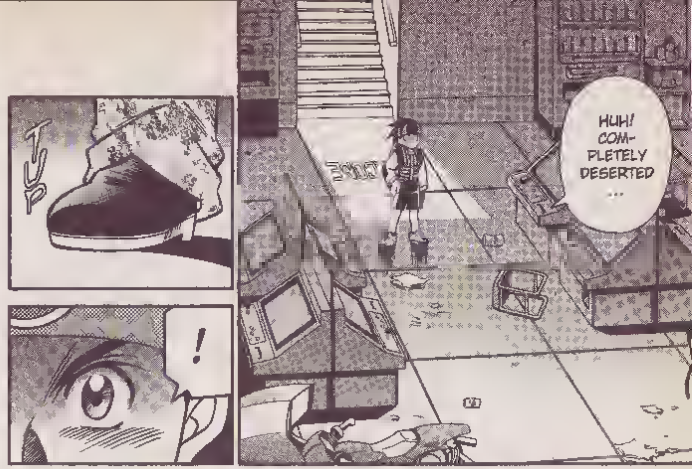

FINE!
I'M LEAVING!!


THE COPS KNOW I'M THE BEST THERE IS...OR EVER WILL BE!
NYAAH TO YOU!!
BLINK
KYA-CLICK


SEE?
TODAY 16 00 (4:00 P.M.)
DENTECH, THIRD STREET
I'LL BE WAITING AT "SILVIA"
-C.B.


LAN, YOU'VE GOT MAIL!
HUH?


I'M CHAUD BLAZE..
...LICENSED NETBATTLER.
. . .AND, I PRESUME, MEGAMAN.
LAN HIKARI
CHAUD BLAZE . C.B.!
HE'S YOUR COL-LEAGUE, LAN!!
WHAT?!
YOU FANCY YOURSELVES WORTHY OF A LICENSE? I THINK NOT.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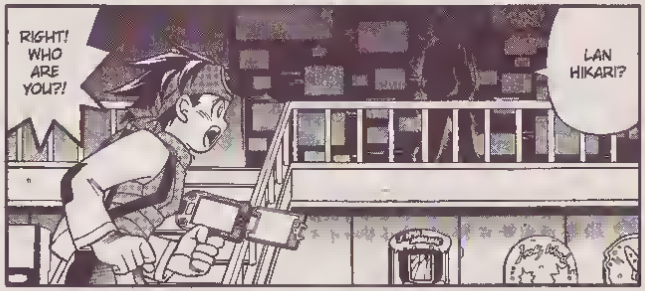
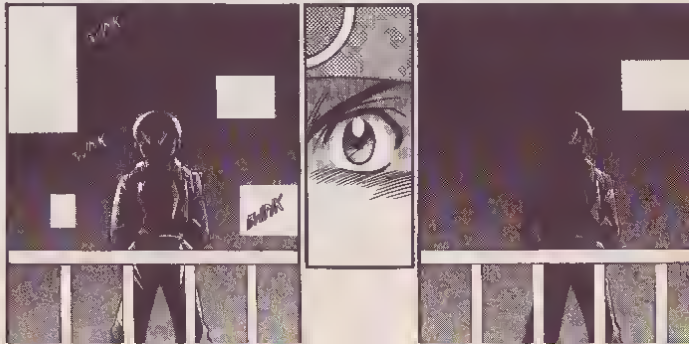
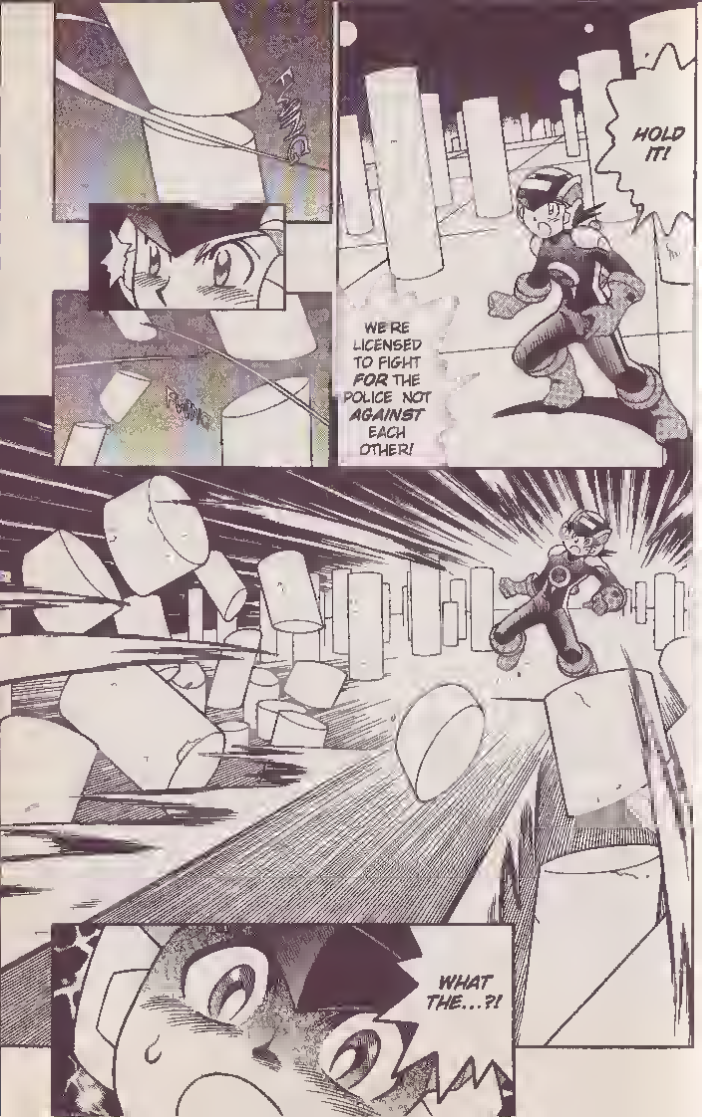
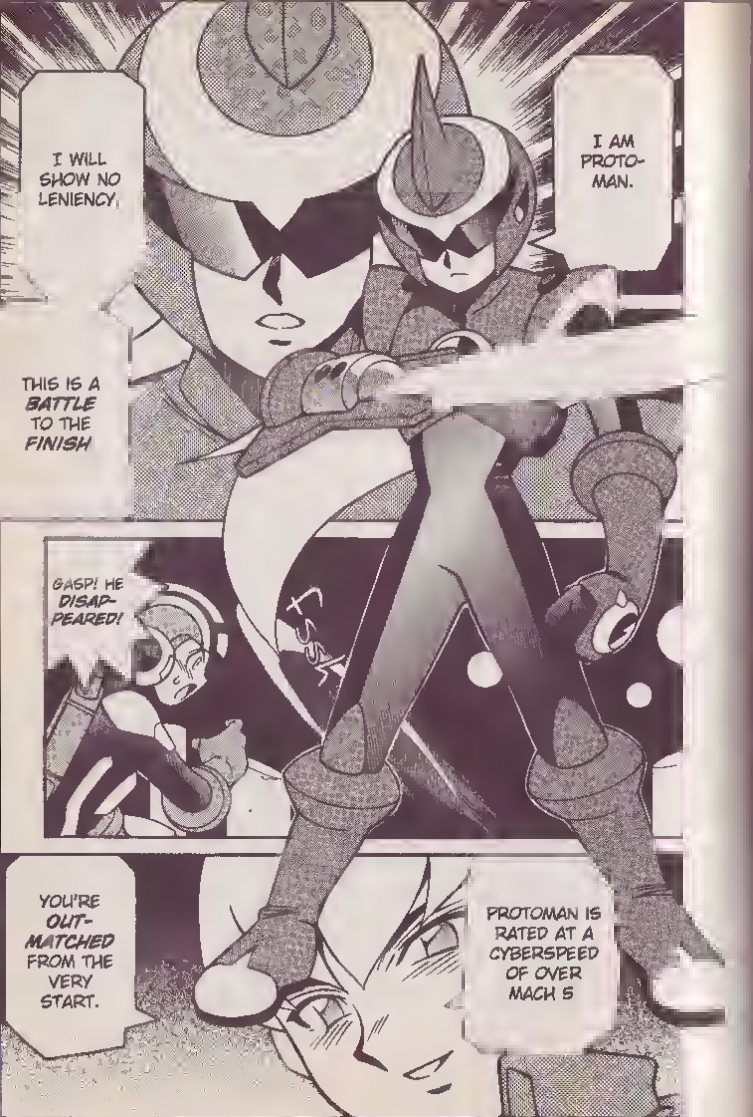
HUH! COM-PLETELY DESERTED ...


RIGHT! WHO ARE YOU?!
LAN HIKARI?


THINK
THINK
THINK

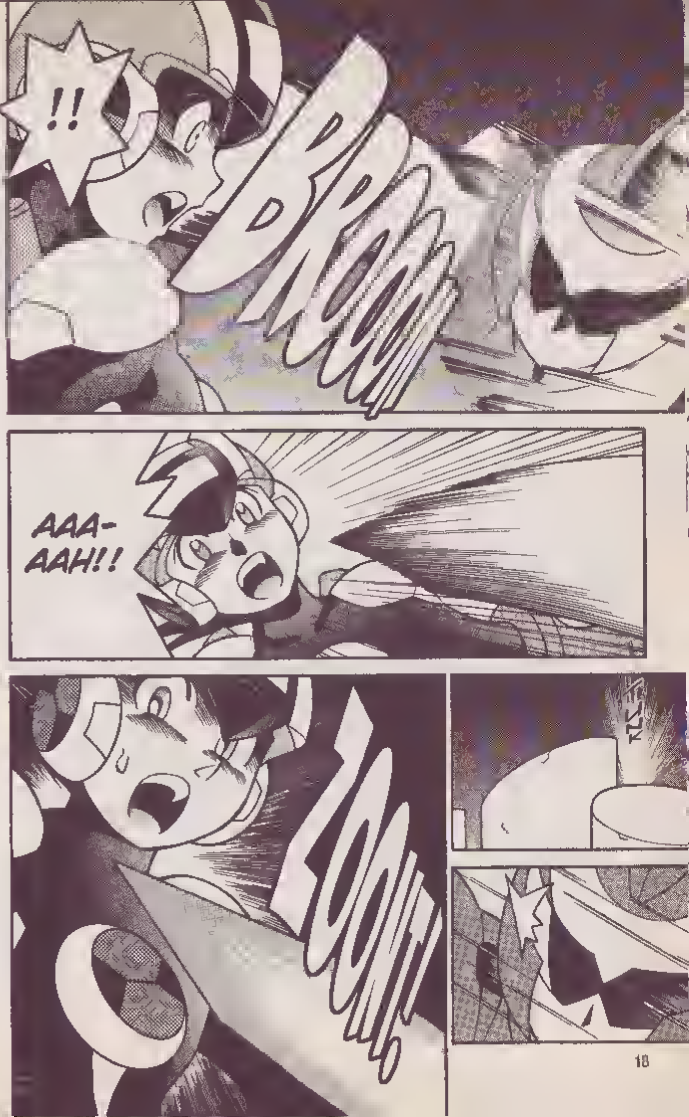

HOLD IT!
WE'RE LICENSED TO FIGHT FOR THE POLICE NOT AGAINST EACH OTHER!
WHAT THE...?!

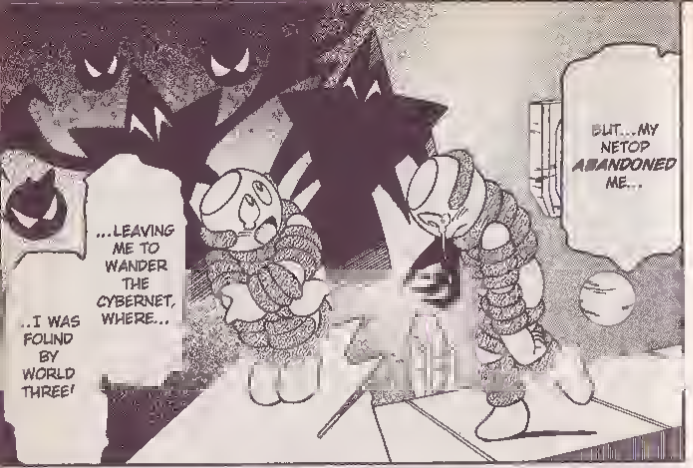
WHAT?!
SMACK
MEGAMAN! PREPARE FOR NET BATTLE!!
THINK WHAT YOU LIKE!
I'M BUSTIN' YOU! DOWN TO FIRST GRADE RIGHT NOW!!
TIME TO SEE WHO'S TOP DOG!!
C'MON CHAUD!!
JACK-IN!!
...WE'LL SEE, ALL RIGHT..
HEH...
..ABOUT THE VAST GULF BETWEEN OUR SKILL LEVELS!!
...JUST HOW LITTLE YOU UNDER-STAND..

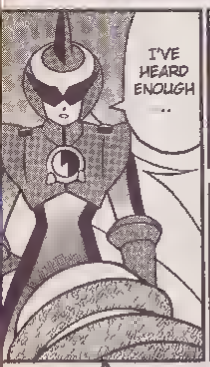

I WILL SHOW NO LENIENCY.
I AM PROTO-MAN.
THIS IS A BATTLE TO THE FINISH
GASP! HE DISAP-PEARED!
YOU'RE OUT-MATCHED FROM THE VERY START.
PROTOMAN IS RATED AT A CYBERSPEED OF OVER MACH 5

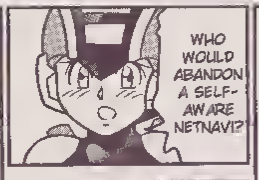
ACK ...!
...CHALD'S NETNAVI?
IS...IS THAT...
HOW CAN HE MOVE LIKE THAT?!
I COULD BARELY SEE HIM!!

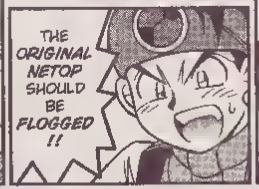
AH... UH...
WOW! HE'S GOOD!
WHAT'S THAT? WHO'S THERE?
A LURKER . . .?
DASH!!
HELP ME! PLEASE HELP MEEEEE!!

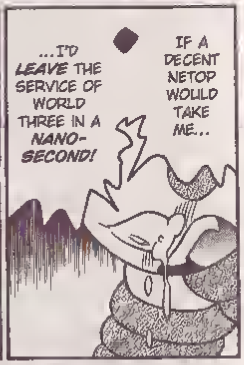

!!
Bloop
AAA-AAH!!
ZOOM!

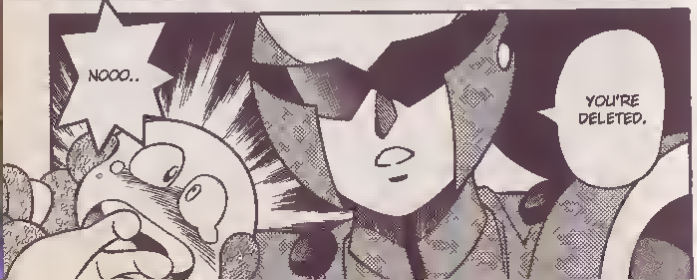

BUT...MY NETOP ABANDONED ME...
...LEAVING ME TO WANDER THE CYBERNET, WHERE...
..I WAS FOUND BY WORLD THREE!

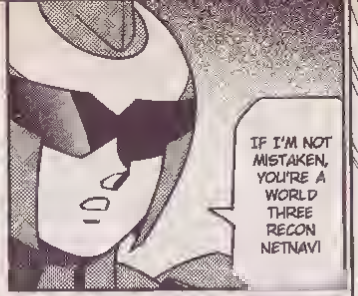

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH ..

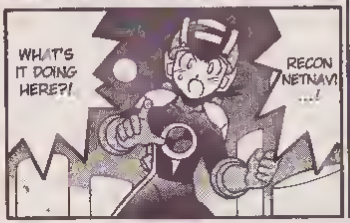

WHO WOULD ABANDON A SELF-AWARE NETNAVI?

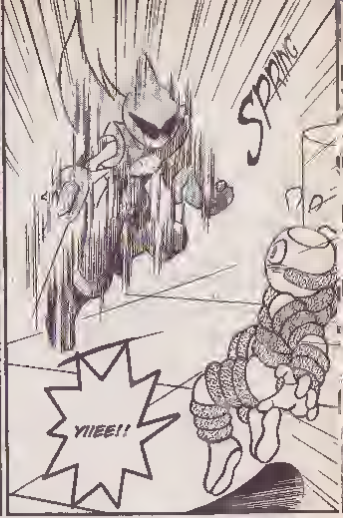

THE ORIGINAL NETOP SHOULD BE FLOGGED !!

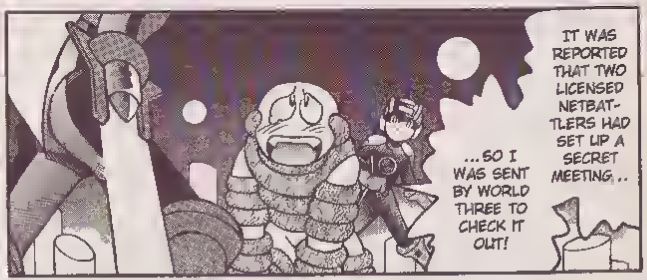

...I'D LEAVE THE SERVICE OF WORLD THREE IN A NANO-SECOND!
IF A DECENT NETOP WOULD TAKE ME...

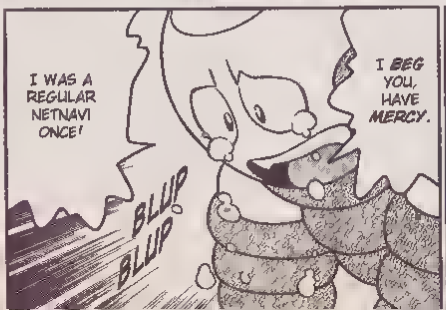

NOOO..
YOU'RE DELETED.


IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, YOU'RE A WORLD THREE RECON NETNAVI

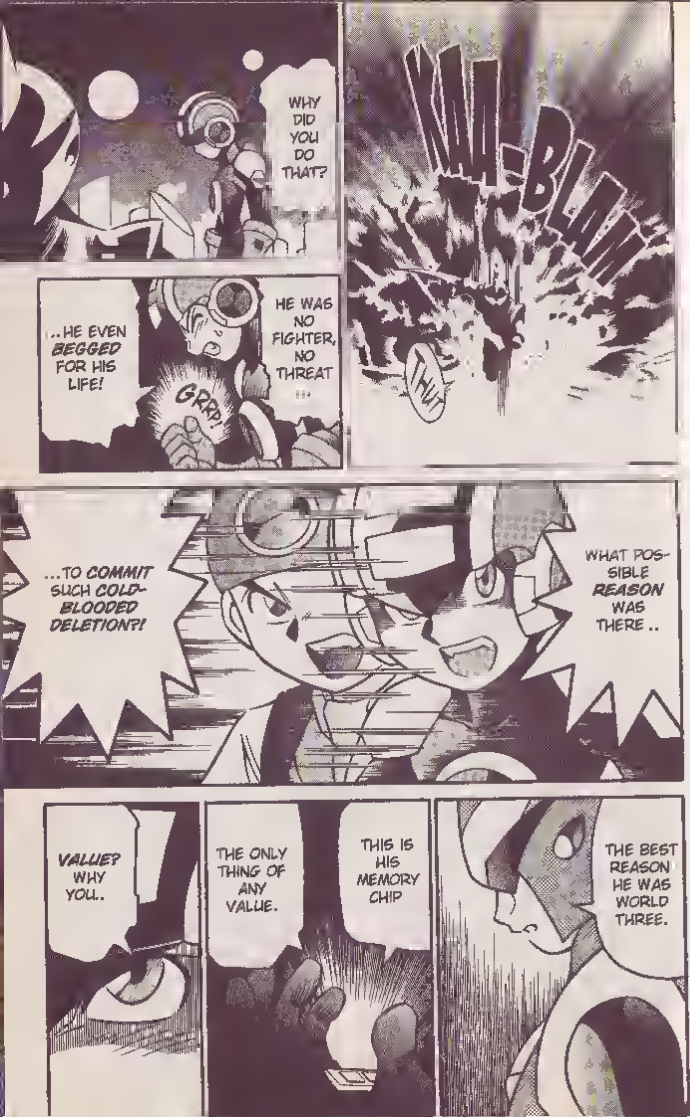

WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?!
RECON NETNAVI ...!

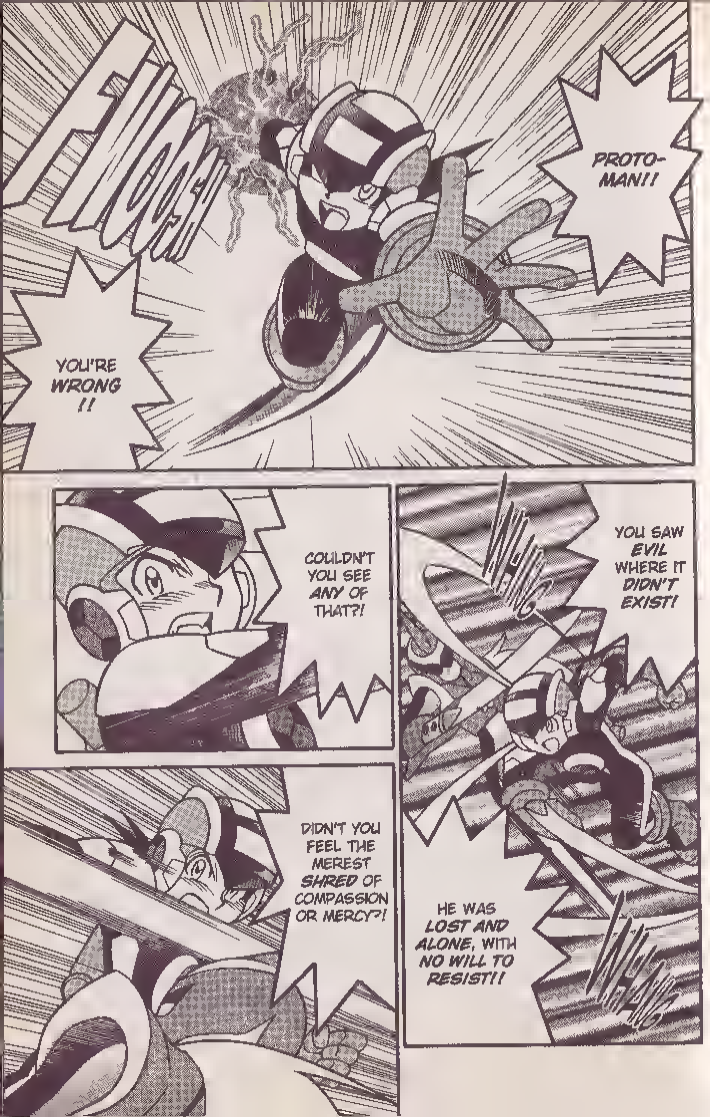

SPRING
YIIEE!!

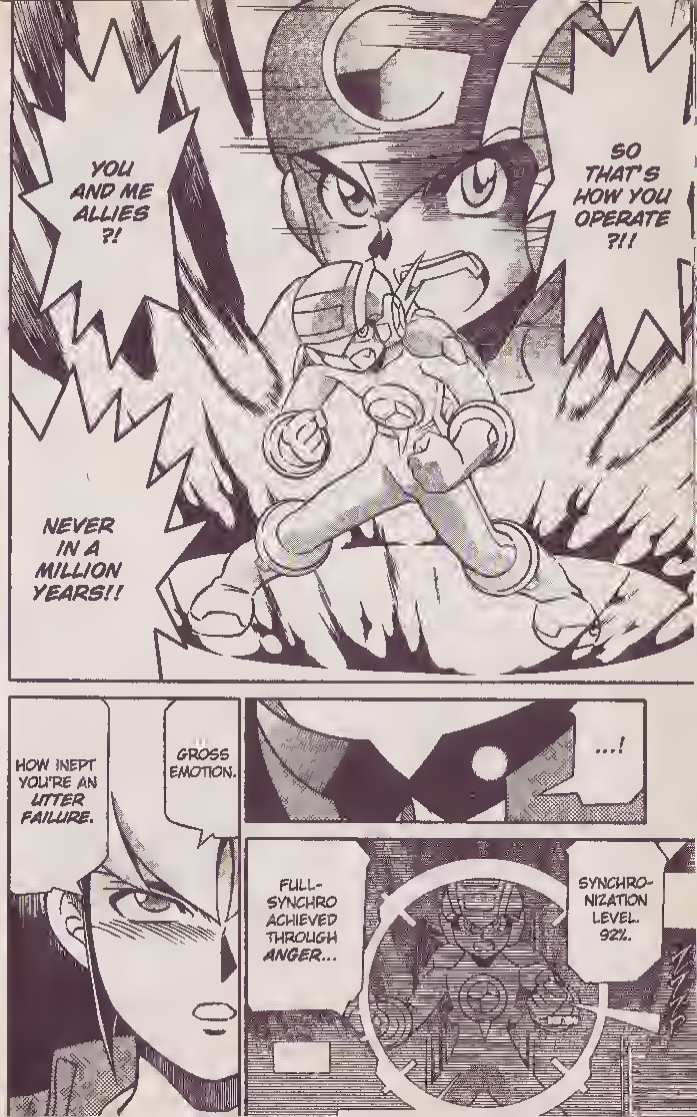

...SO I WAS SENT BY WORLD THREE TO CHECK IT OUT!
IT WAS REPORTED THAT TWO LICENSED NETBATTLERS HAD SET UP A SECRET MEETING..


I WAS A REGULAR NETNAVI ONCE!
I BEG YOU, HAVE MERCY.
BLUP BLUP

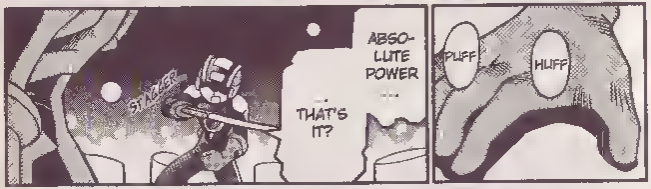
HMM. MY E-MAIL LEAKED OUT SOMEHOW

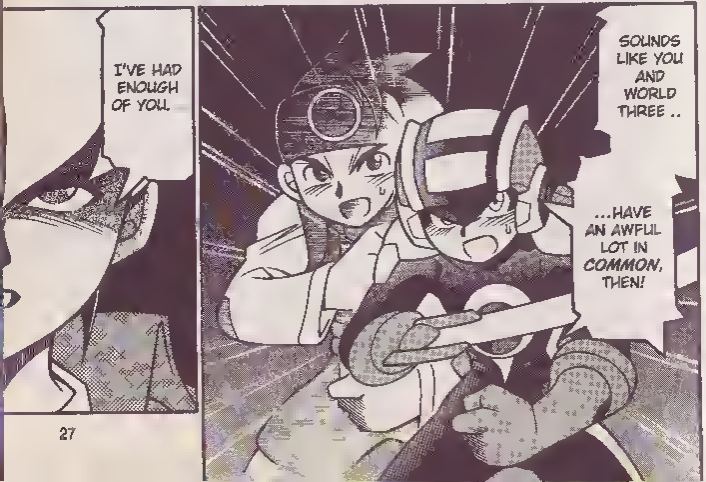

WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
KAA-BLAM!
HE WAS NO FIGHTER, NO THREAT ...
...HE EVEN BEGGED FOR HIS LIFE!
GRRR!
...TO COMMIT SUCH COLD-BLOODED DELETION?!
WHAT POSSIBLE REASON WAS THERE ..
VALUE? WHY YOU..
THE ONLY THING OF ANY VALUE.
THIS IS HIS MEMORY CHIP
THE BEST REASON HE WAS WORLD THREE.

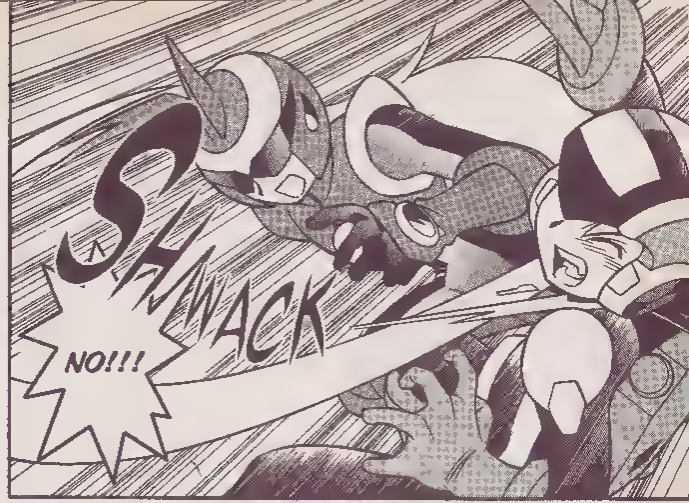

Flash
PROTO-MAN!!
YOU'RE WRONG !!
COULDN'T YOU SEE ANY OF THAT?!
YOU SAW EVIL WHERE IT DIDN'T EXIST!
DIDN'T YOU FEEL THE MEREST SHRED OF COMPASSION OR MERCY?!
HE WAS LOST AND ALONE, WITH NO WILL TO RESIST!!

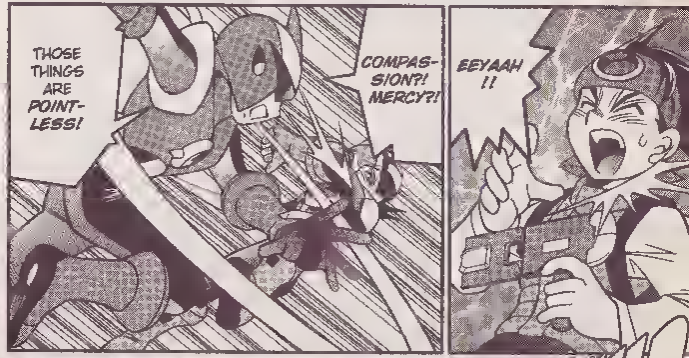

YOU AND ME ALLIES ?!
SO THAT'S HOW YOU OPERATE ?!!
NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS!!
HOW INEPT YOU'RE AN UTTER FAILURE.
GROSS EMOTION.
...!
FULL-SYNCHRO ACHIEVED THROUGH ANGER...
SYNCHRO-NIZATION LEVEL. 92%.

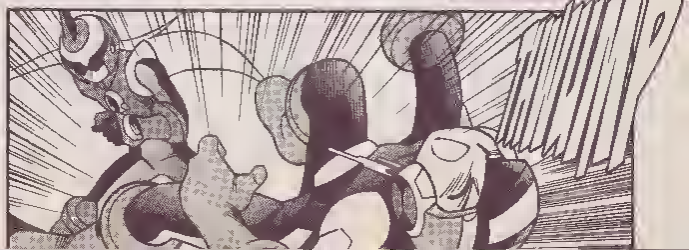
TOTAL, ABSOLUTE POWER!!
ALL I BELIEVE IN, ALL THAT COUNTS...
...IS POWER!!

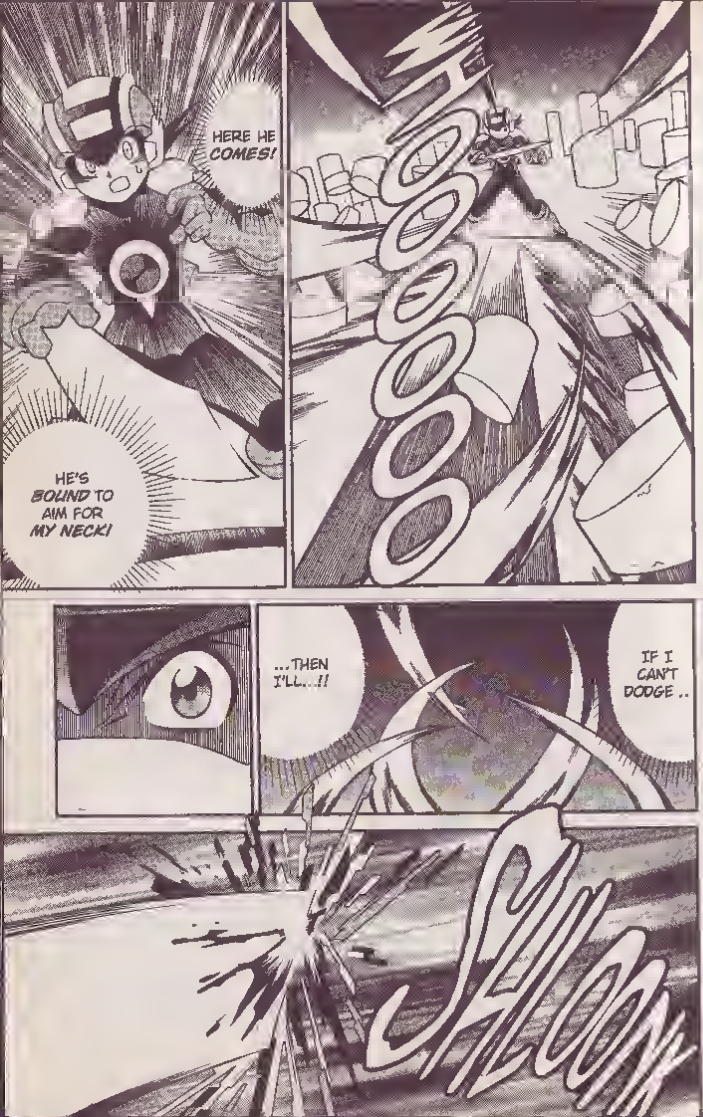

STAGGER
ABSO-LUTE POWER ...
THAT'S IT?
PUFF
HUFF

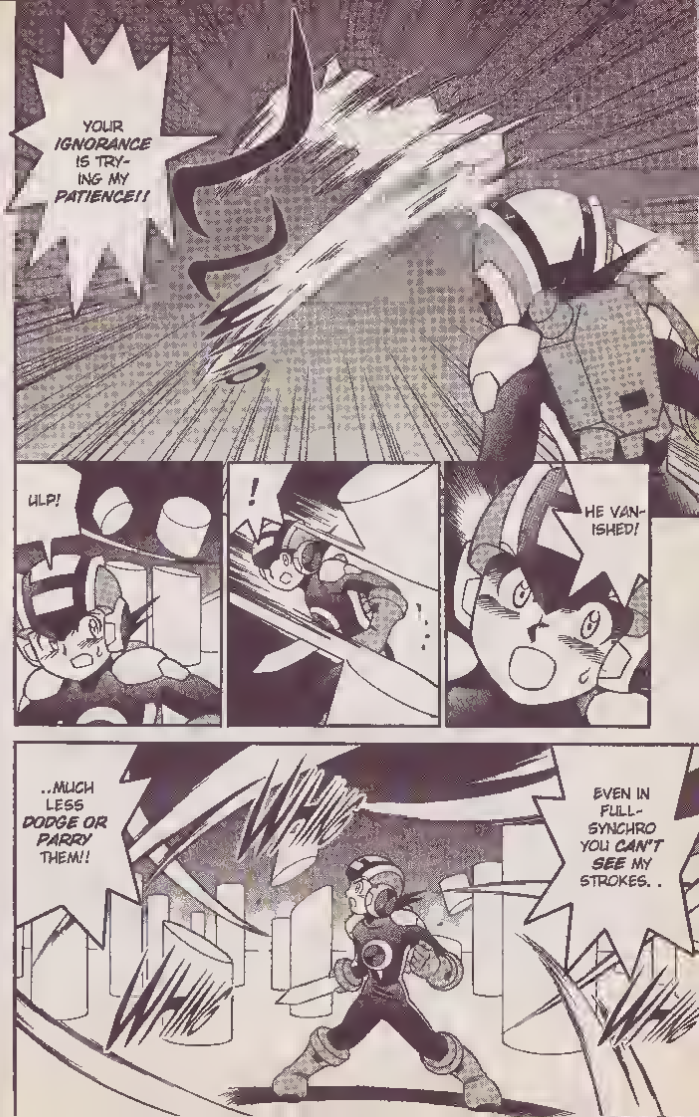

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU.
SOUNDS LIKE YOU AND WORLD THREE ..
...HAVE AN AWFUL LOT IN COMMON, THEN!


SHWACK
NO!!!


THOSE THINGS ARE POINT-LESS!
COMPAS-SION?! MERCY?!
EEYAAH !!




HERE HE COMES!
HE'S BOUND TO AIM FOR MY NECK!
...THEN I'LL...!!
IF I CAN'T DODGE ..
SLOOK


YOUR IGNORANCE IS TRYING MY PATIENCE!!
ULP!
!
HE VANISHED!
..MUCH LESS DODGE OR PARRY THEM!!
EVEN IN FULL-SYNCHRO YOU CAN'T SEE MY STROKES. .
WHING
WHING

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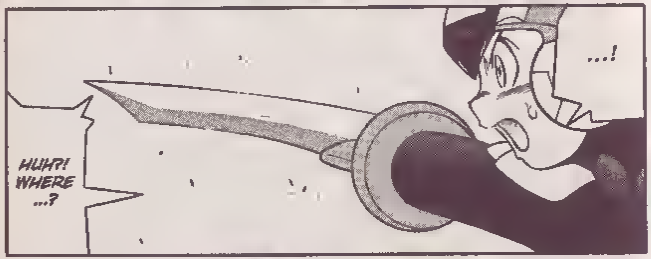
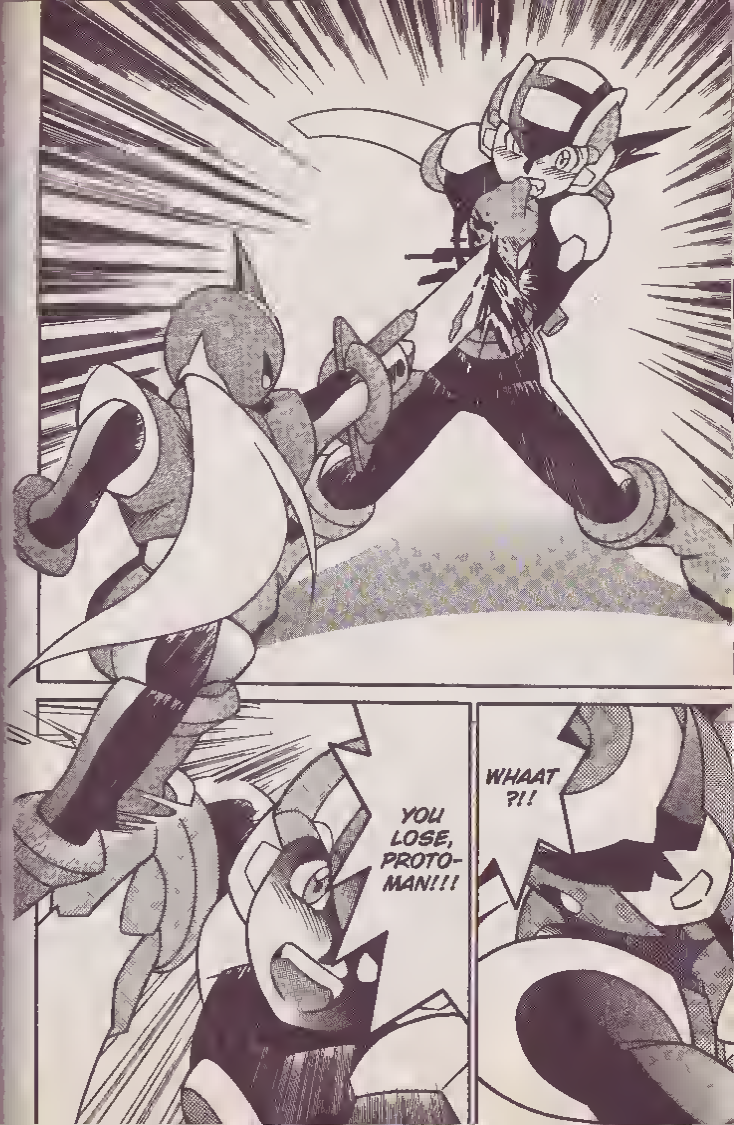
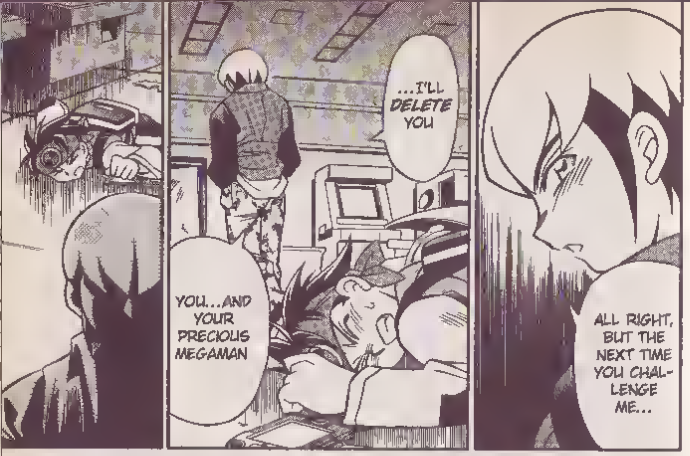
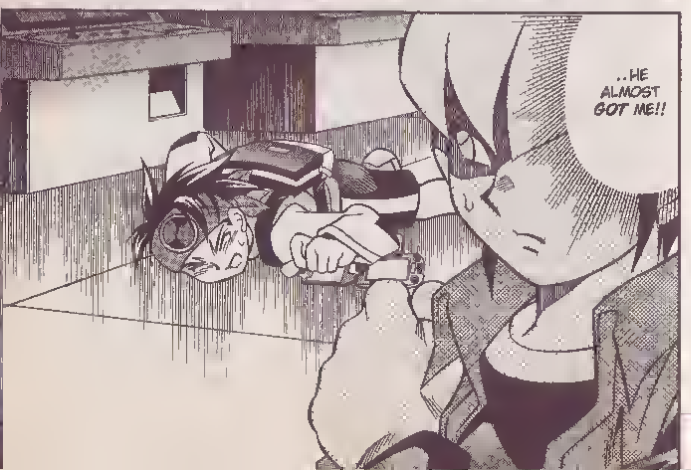

...!
HUH?! WHERE ...?

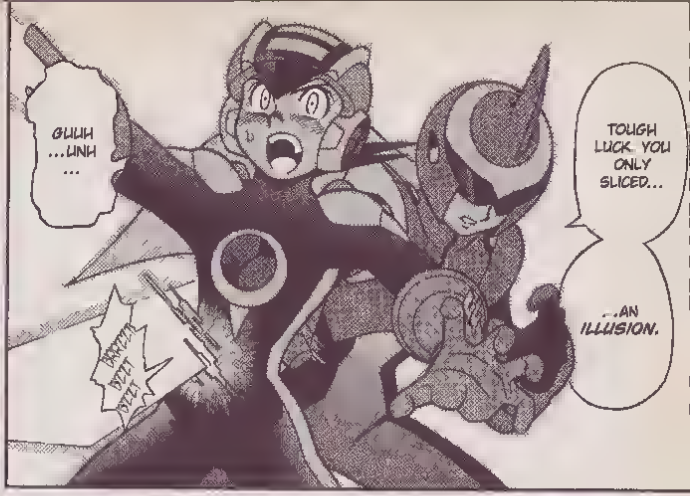
SHLO
RNK


YOU LOSE, PROTO-MAN!!!
WHAAT ?!!

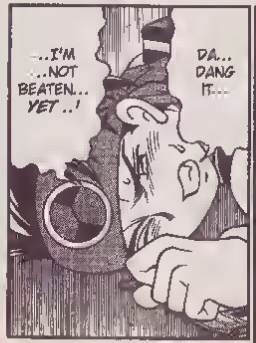

...I'LL DELETE YOU
YOU...AND YOUR PRECIOUS MEGAMAN
ALL RIGHT, BUT THE NEXT TIME YOU CHALLENGE ME...

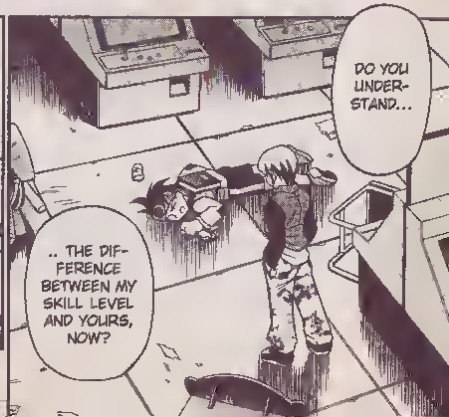
I'D SWEAR I READ HIS ATTACK PERFECTLY, BUT...
RUB RUB
BOY...!
....!!

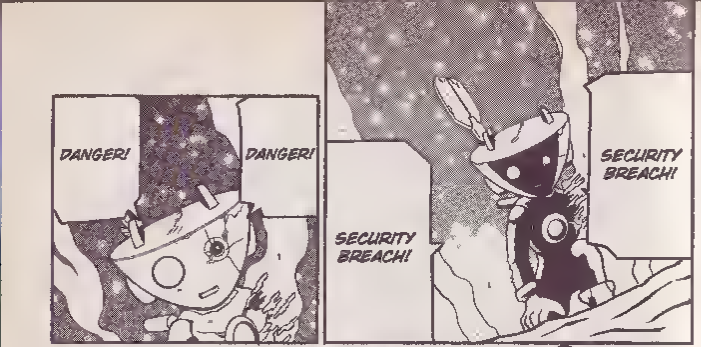

..HE ALMOST GOT ME!!


GUUH ...UNH ...
TOUGH LUCK. YOU ONLY SLICED...
..AN ILLUSION.

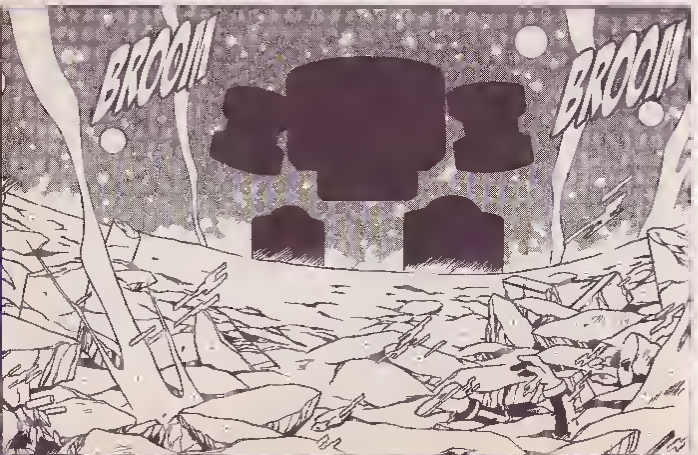
THUMP

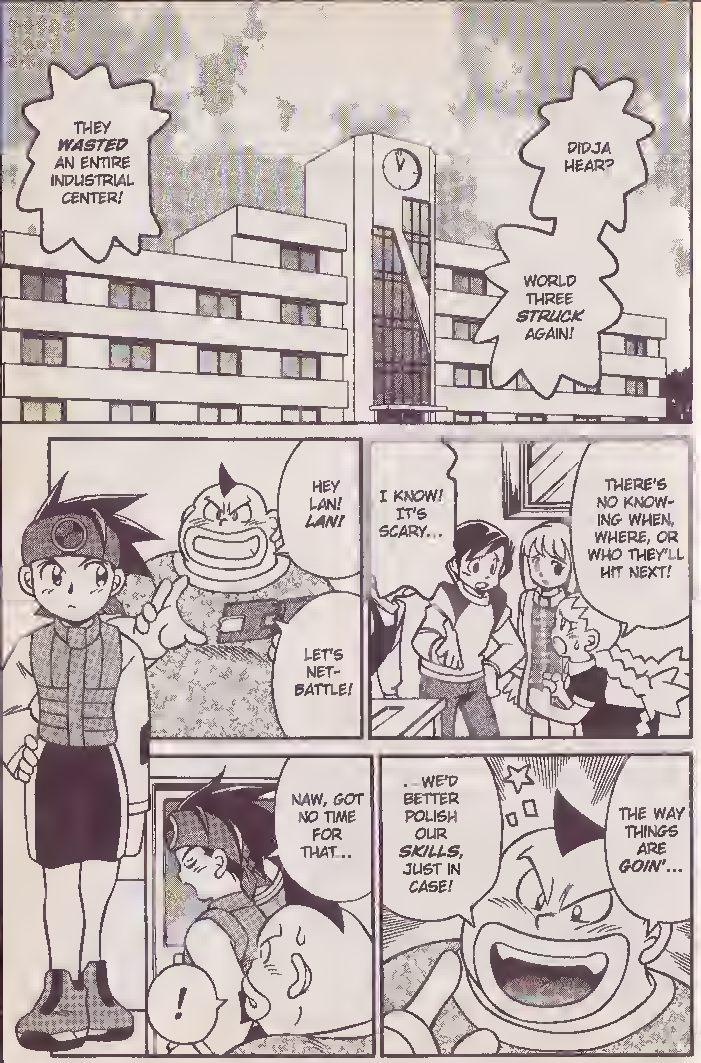

...I'M ...NOT BEATEN... YET ..!
DA... DANG IT...


DO YOU UNDER-STAND...
.. THE DIF-FERENCE BETWEEN MY SKILL LEVEL AND YOURS, NOW?

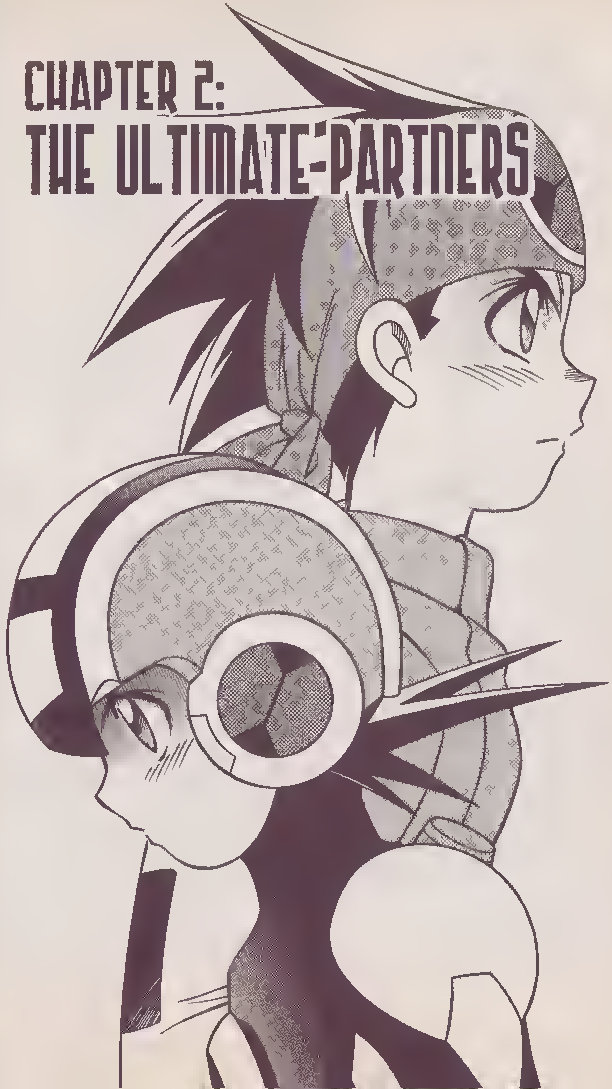

DANGER!
DANGER!
SECURITY BREACH!
SECURITY BREACH!

DA... SKEE!!
KROOMP

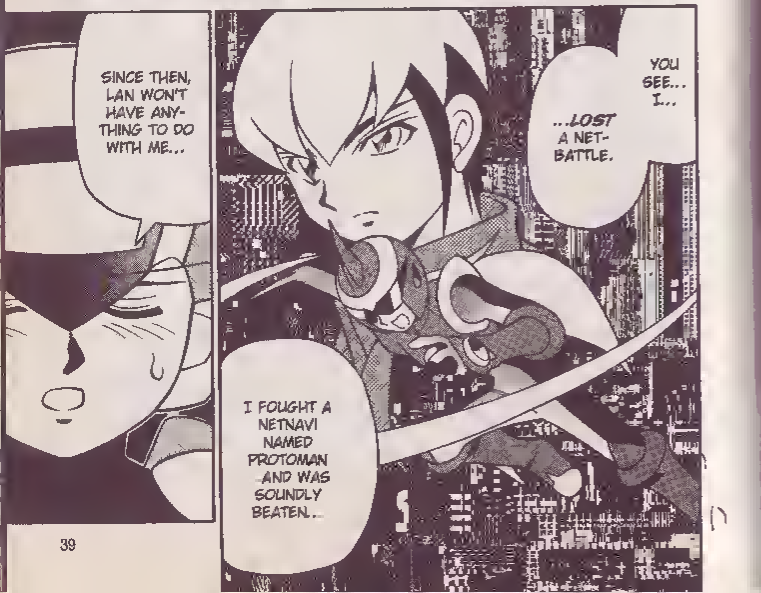

BROOM
BROOM


THEY WASTED AN ENTIRE INDUSTRIAL CENTER!
DIDJA HEAR?
WORLD THREE STRUCK AGAIN!
HEY LAN! LAN!
LET'S NET-BATTLE!
I KNOW! IT'S SCARY...
THERE'S NO KNOWING WHEN, WHERE, OR WHO THEY'LL HIT NEXT!
NAW, GOT NO TIME FOR THAT...
!
..WE'D BETTER POLISH OUR SKILLS, JUST IN CASE!
THE WAY THINGS ARE GOIN'...

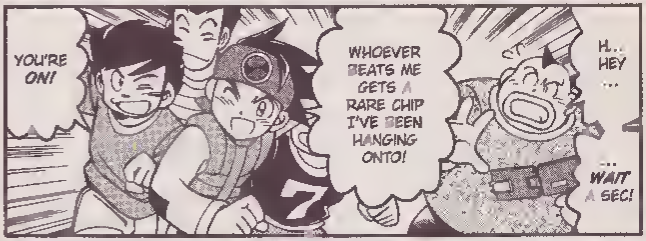
CHAPTER 2: THE ULTIMATE PARTNERS

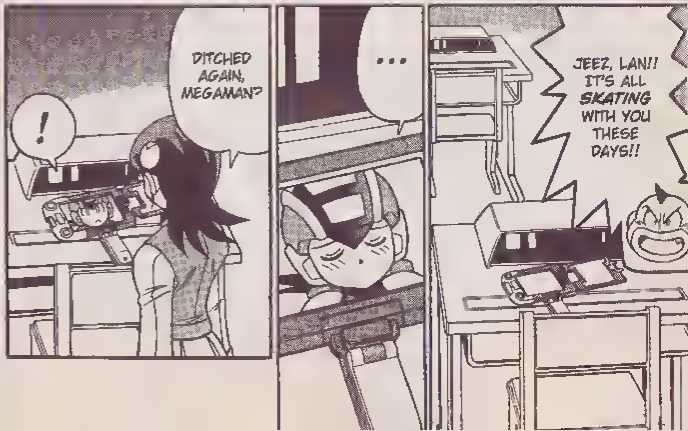


...BUT I KNOW LAN, AND I CAN TELL SOMETHING'S BUGGING HIM.
MAYBE YOU WANT TO BELIEVE THAT. .
...
WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?
M. . MAYLU, I ..
.. NOTHING. WE'RE FINE
LAN NEVER USED TO LEAVE YOU LYING AROUND.
WHAT'S WRONG?

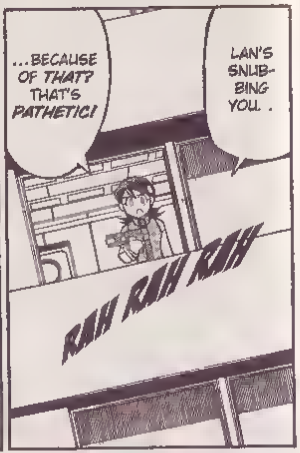

SINCE THEN, LAN WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME...
I FOUGHT A NETNAVI NAMED PROTOMAN AND WAS SOUNDLY BEATEN...
...LOST A NETBATTLE.
YOU SEE... I..

YEAH! LET'S ROLL!
YOU BET!
I'M FOR DOIN' SOME IN-LINE SKATING!
YOU GUYS WITH ME?


YOU'RE ON!
WHOEVER BEATS ME GETS A RARE CHIP I'VE BEEN HANGING ONTO!
H.. HEY ...
... WAIT A SEC!

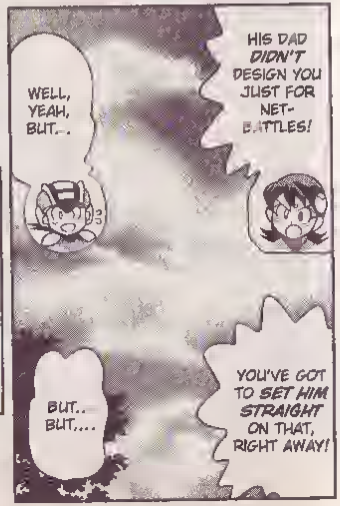

!
DITCHED AGAIN, MEGAMAN?
...
JEEZ, LAN!! IT'S ALL SKATING WITH YOU THESE DAYS!!

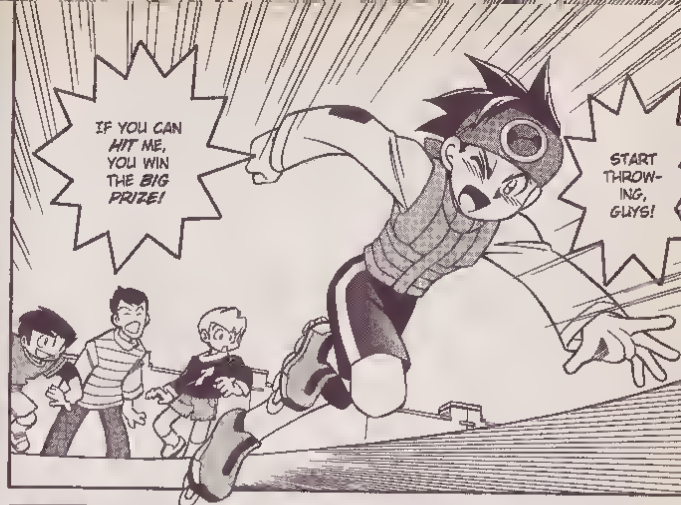
SINCE HE GOT ME, HE'S ALWAYS WON.
LOSING WAS A REAL SHOCK TO HIM!

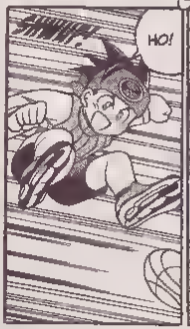

LAN'S SNUB-BING YOU. .
...BECAUSE OF THAT? THAT'S PATHETIC!
RAH RAH RAH

HUH?!
EXACTLY! HE'S SPOILED !!

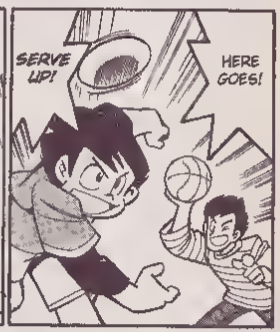
GOING OUT AGAIN, LAN?
BE BACK BY DINNER
I WILL, MOM.

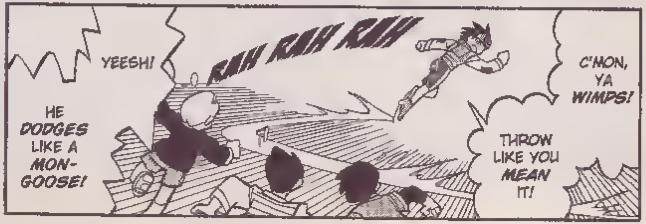

HIS DAD DIDN'T DESIGN YOU JUST FOR NET-BATTLES!
WELL, YEAH, BUT..
BUT.. BUT,...
YOU'VE GOT TO SET HIM STRAIGHT ON THAT, RIGHT AWAY!


IF YOU CAN HIT ME, YOU WIN THE BIG PRIZE!
START THROW-ING, GUYS!

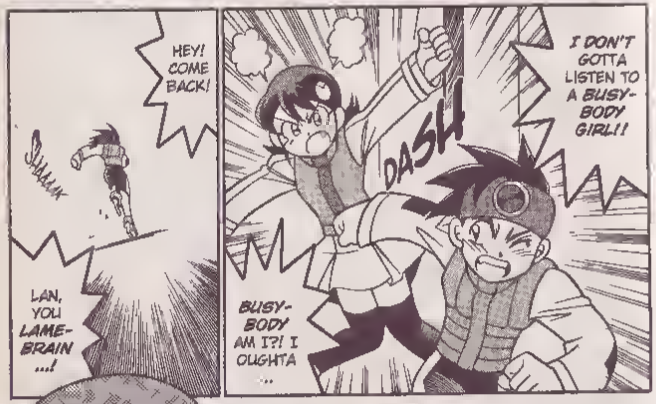

SHWIP!
HO!

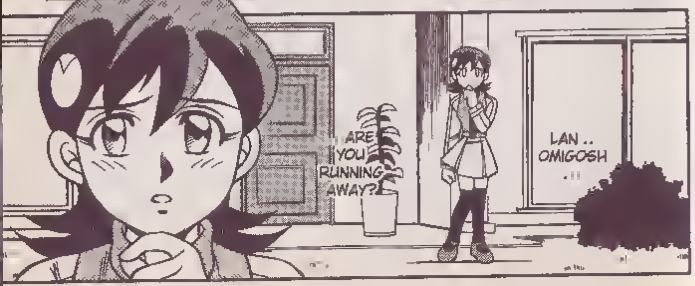
HAH!
SHWIP!

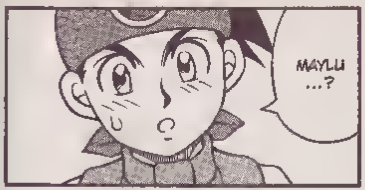

SERVE UP!
HERE GOES!

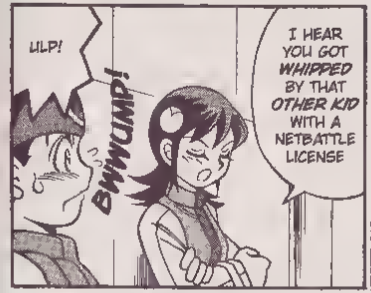

YEESH!
RAH RAH RAH
C'MON, YA WIMPS!
HE DODGES LIKE A MON-GOOSE!
THROW LIKE YOU MEAN IT!

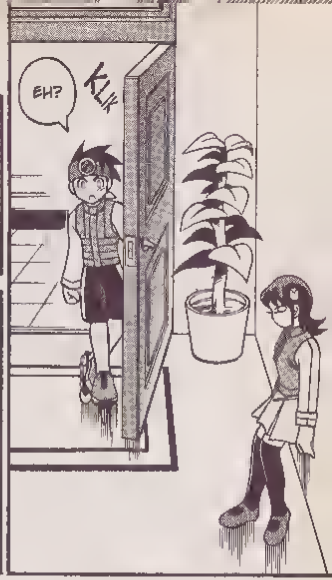
I AM NOT!
THAT'S LAME, LAN!
JUST SHUT UP! WHATTA YOU KNOW?!
...AND A BAD SPORT!
YOU'RE A SORE LOSER ...


HEY! COME BACK!
SHAAAA
LAN, YOU LAME-BRAIN ...!
DASH!
I DON'T GOTTA LISTEN TO A BUSY-BODY GIRL!!
BUSY-BODY AM I?! I OUGHTA ...


ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?!
LAN .. OMIGOSH ..!!

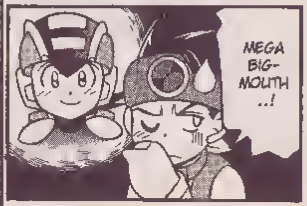

MAYLU ...?

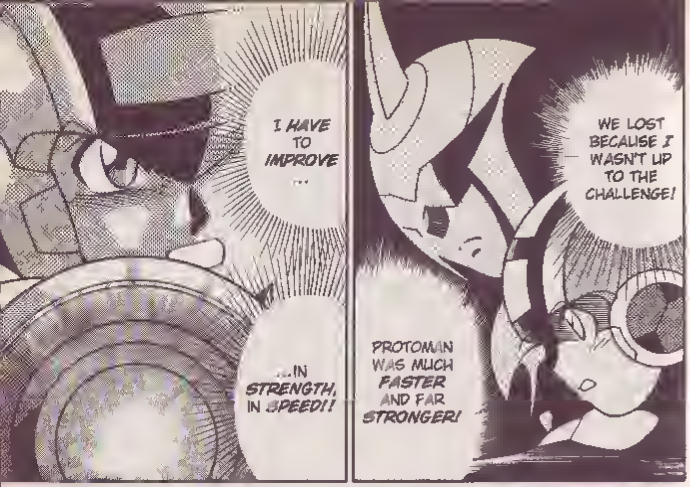

I HEAR YOU GOT WHIPPED BY THAT OTHER KID WITH A NETBATTLE LICENSE
BWWUMP!
ULP!

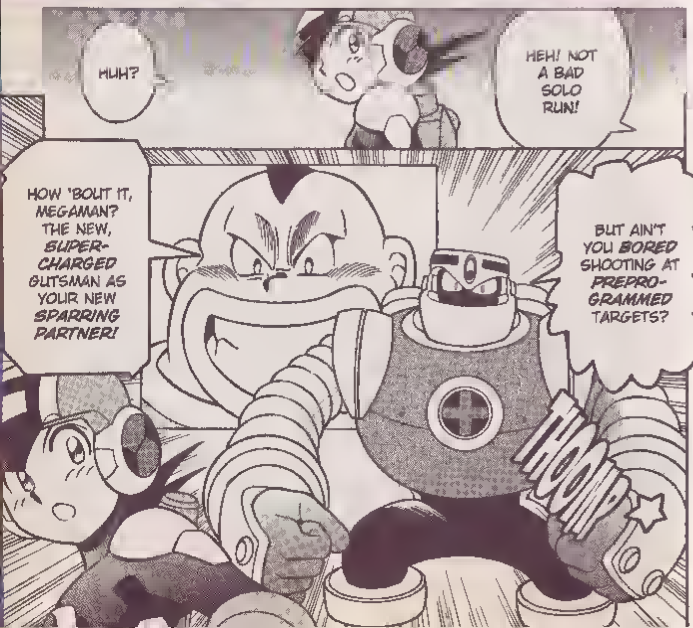

EH?
KLIK

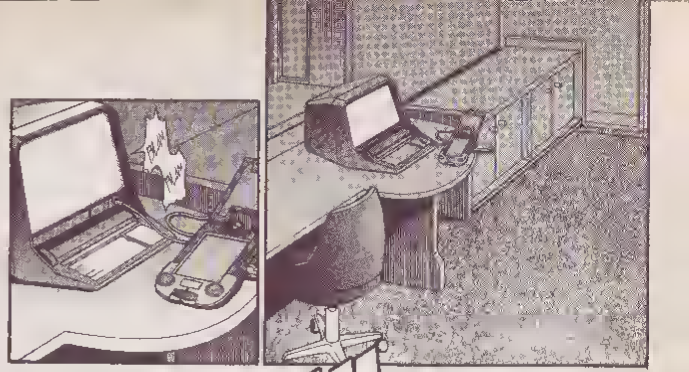
GONNA DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO BECOMING THE IN-LINE SKATING CHAMPION NOW?
AND SINCE YOU CAN'T FANCY YOURSELF NETBATTLER NUMERO UNO ANYMORE, YOU'RE CHUCKING IT?
UMM .. !

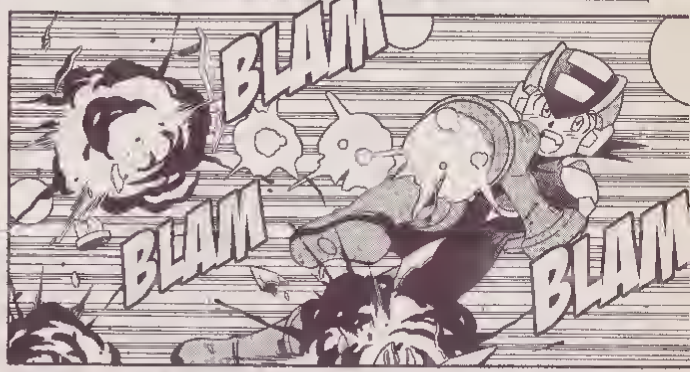
YOU WERE SO FULL OF YOURSELF.
IT HAD TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER

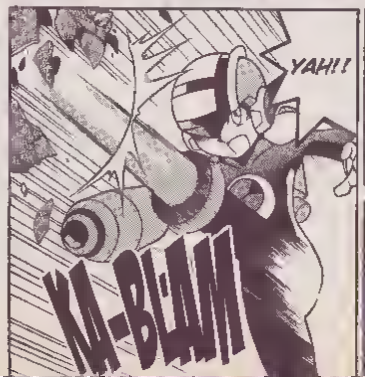

MEGA BIG-MOUTH ..!


I HAVE TO IMPROVE ...
...IN STRENGTH, IN SPEED!!
PROTOMAN WAS MUCH FASTER AND FAR STRONGER!
WE LOST BECAUSE I WASN'T UP TO THE CHALLENGE!


HUH?
HEH! NOT A BAD SOLO RUN!
HOW 'BOUT IT, MEGAMAN? THE NEW, SUPER-CHARGED GUTSMAN AS YOUR NEW SPARRING PARTNER!
BUT AIN'T YOU BORED SHOOTING AT PREPRO-GRAMMED TARGETS?
THOOP!

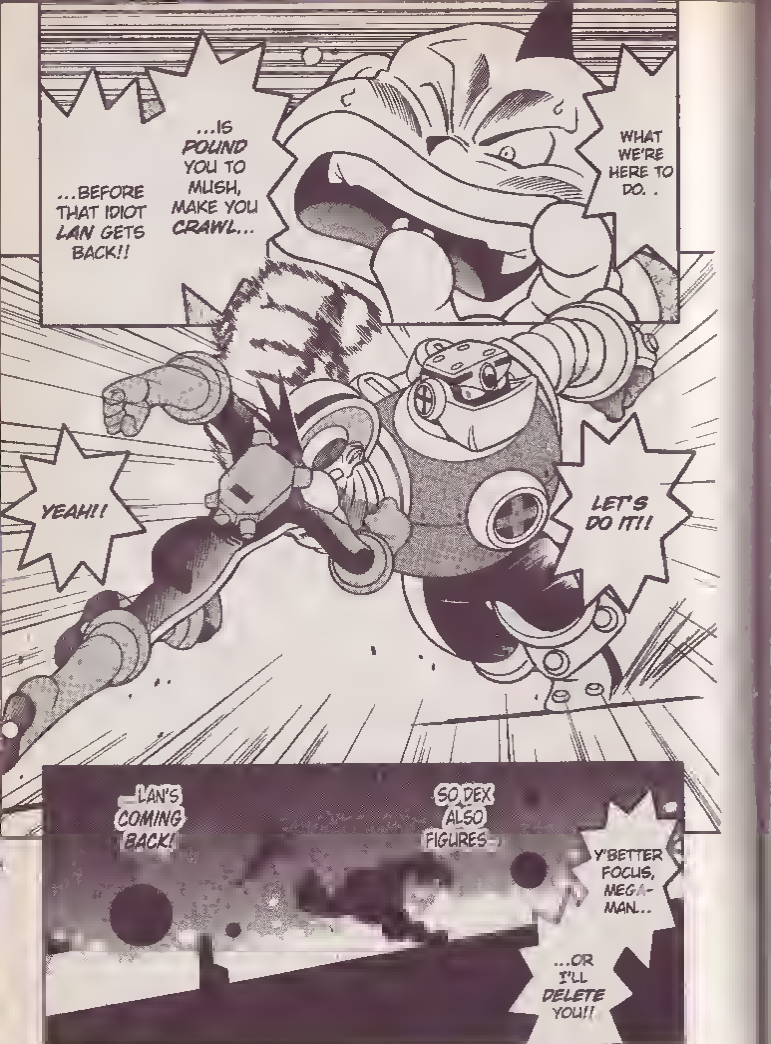



BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

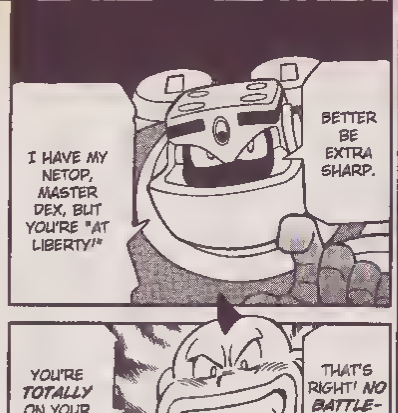

YAH!!
KA-BLAM

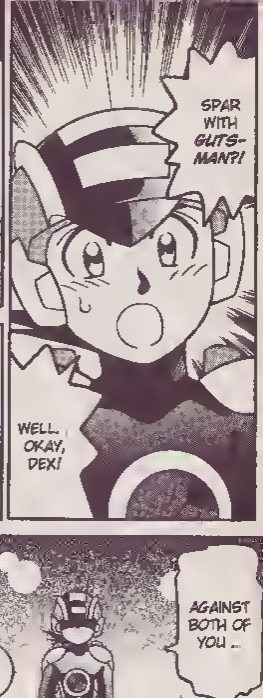
ROOSH

SHWISH

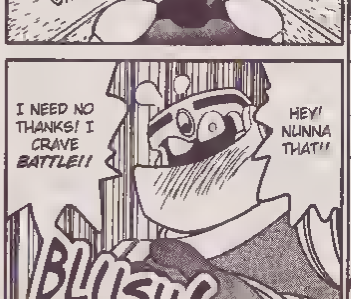

WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO. .
...IS POUND YOU TO MUSH, MAKE YOU CRAWL...
...BEFORE THAT IDIOT LAN GETS BACK!!
YEAH!!
LET'S DO IT!!

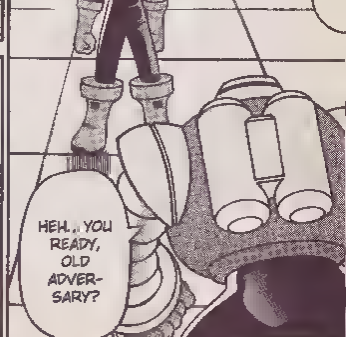
LAN'S COMING BACK!
SO DEX ALSO FIGURES
Y'BETTER FOCUS, MEGA-MAN..
...OR I'LL DELETE YOU!!


I HAVE MY NETOP, MASTER DEX, BUT YOU'RE "AT LIBERTY!"
BETTER BE EXTRA SHARP.

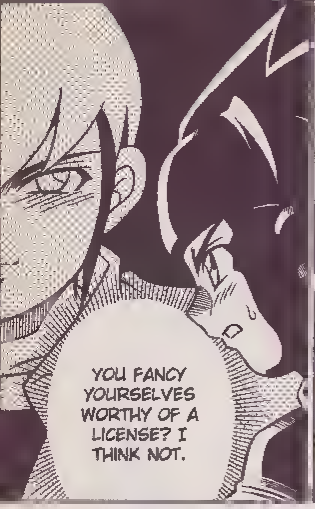

SPAR WITH GUTS-MAN?!
WELL.. OKAY, DEX!

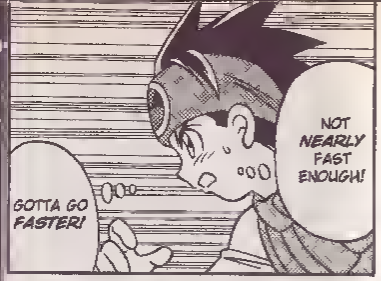
YOU'RE TOTALLY ON YOUR OWN!
THAT'S RIGHT! NO BATTLE-CHIPS FOR YOU!

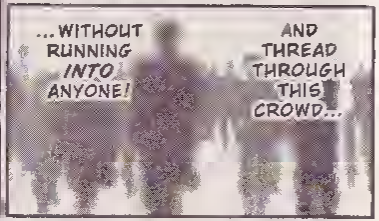

THANKS, GUTS-MAN!
I'M READY!
GRIN!

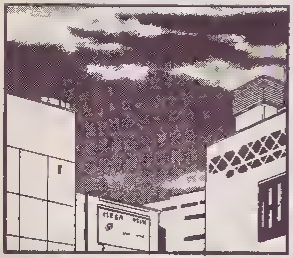

AGAINST BOTH OF YOU ..
HEH.. YOU READY, OLD ADVER-SARY?

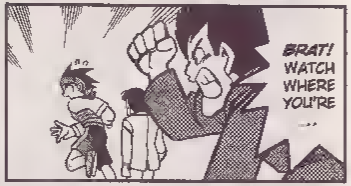
I NEED NO THANKS! I CRAVE BATTLE!!
HEY! NUNNA THAT!!
BLUSH!


YOU FANCY YOURSELVES WORTHY OF A LICENSE? I THINK NOT.


GOTTA GO FASTER!
NOT NEARLY FAST ENOUGH!

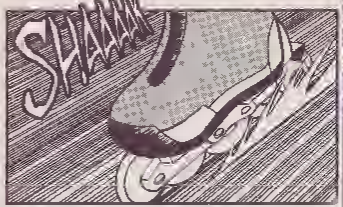

...WITHOUT RUNNING INTO ANYONE!
AND THREAD THROUGH THIS CROWD...

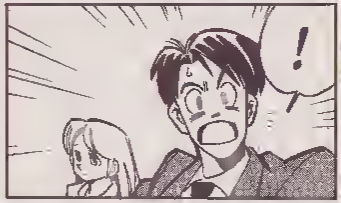



BRAT! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE ...

HAVE I GOTTEN ANY BETTER?
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN AT THIS?

FASTER.. FASTER..
FASTER!


SHAAAA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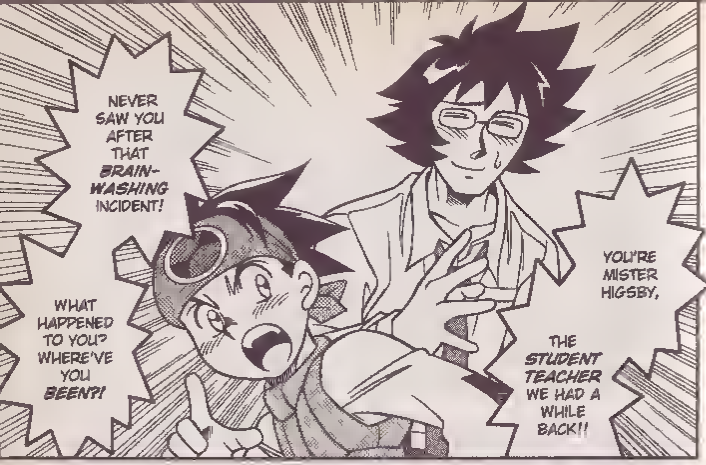
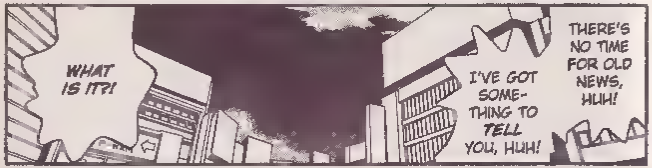
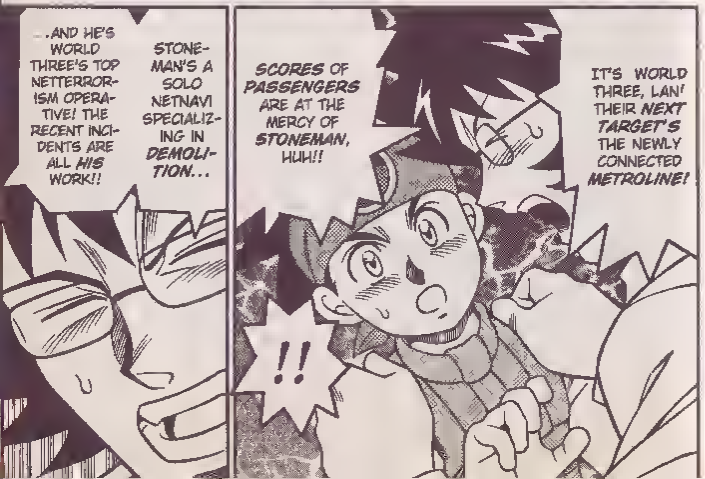
MINGLE
MURBLE

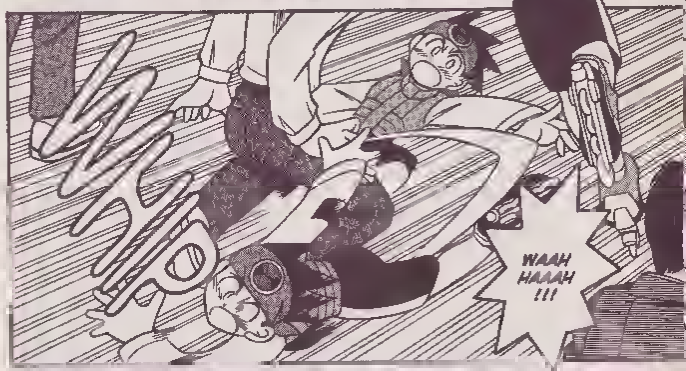
YAH!
OOK!
EEK!

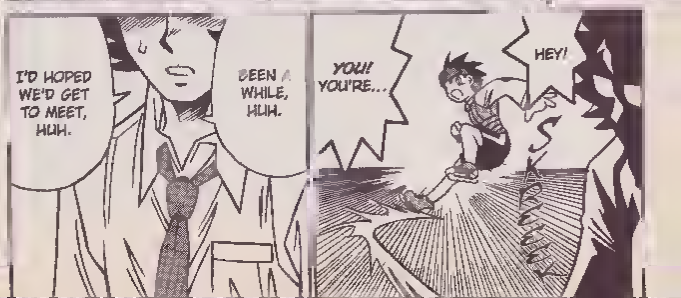

NEVER SAW YOU AFTER THAT BRAIN-WASHING INCIDENT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
YOU'RE MISTER HIGSBY,
THE STUDENT TEACHER WE HAD A WHILE BACK!!

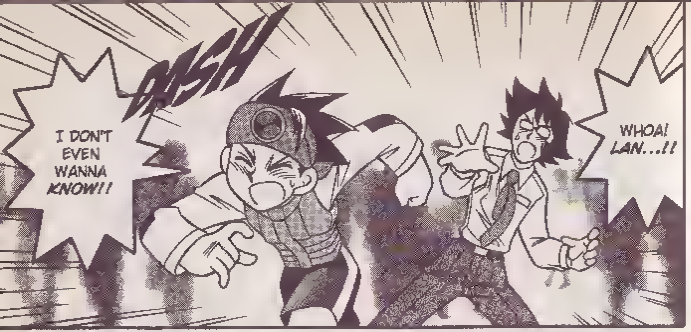

WHAT IS IT?
I'VE GOT SOME-THING TO TELL YOU, HUH!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR OLD NEWS, HUH!

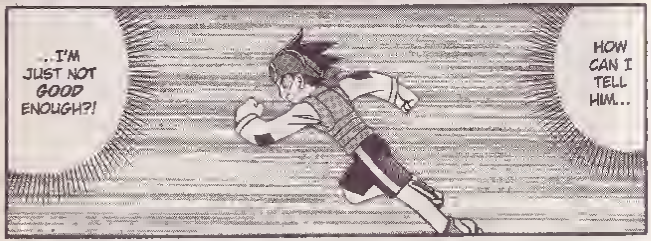

...AND HE'S WORLD THREE'S TOP NETTERROR-ISM OPERA-TIVE! THE RECENT INCI-DENTS ARE ALL HIS WORK!!
STONE-MAN'S A SOLO NETNAVI SPECIALIZ-ING IN DEMOLI-TION...
SCORES OF PASSENGERS ARE AT THE MERCY OF STONEMAN, HUH!!
!!
IT'S WORLD THREE, LAN! THEIR NEXT TARGET'S THE NEWLY CONNECTED METROLINE!

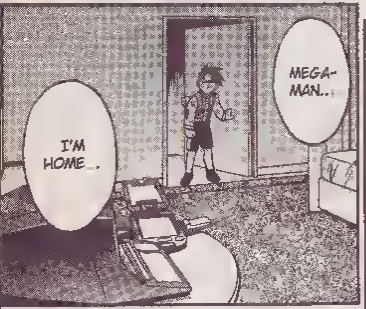
LAN.
Loom

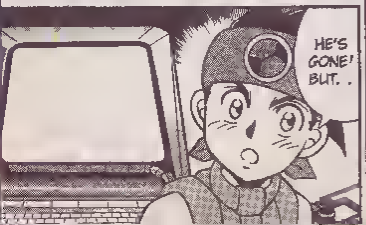

WAAH HAAAH !!!

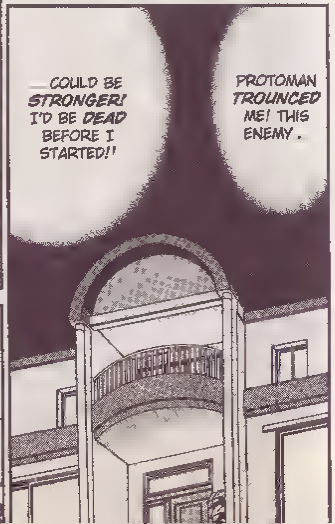

I'D HOPED WE'D GET TO MEET, HUH.
BEEN A WHILE, HUH.
YOU! YOU'RE...
HEY!

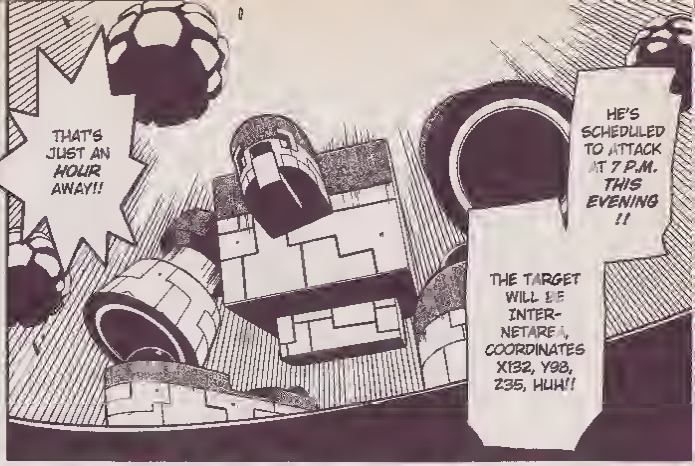

DASH
I DON'T EVEN WANNA KNOW!!
WHOA! LAN...!!

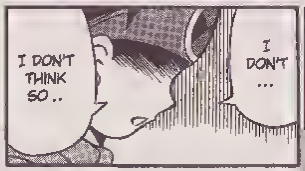

...I'M JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH?!
HOW CAN I TELL HIM...

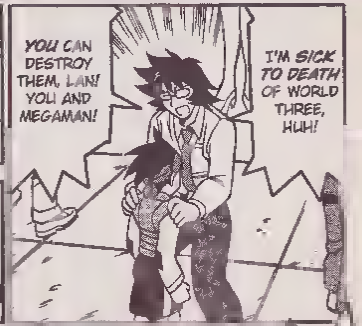

I'M HOME_.
MEGA-MAN..!


HE'S GONE! BUT. .

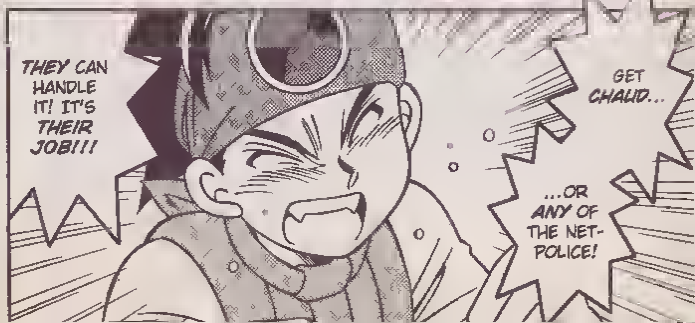

...COULD BE STRONGER! I'D BE DEAD BEFORE I STARTED!!
PROTOMAN TROUNCED ME! THIS ENEMY.

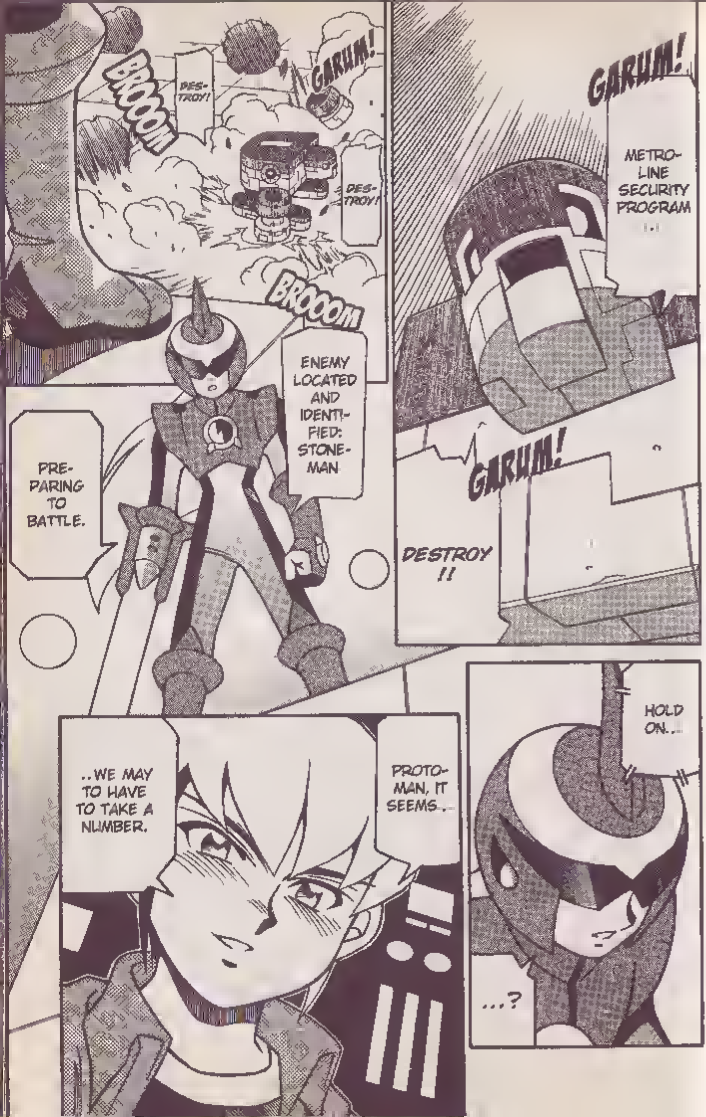

THAT'S JUST AN HOUR AWAY!!
HE'S SCHEDULED TO ATTACK AT 7 P.M. THIS EVENING !!
THE TARGET WILL BE INTER-NETARE A, COORDINATES X132, Y93, Z35, HUH!!

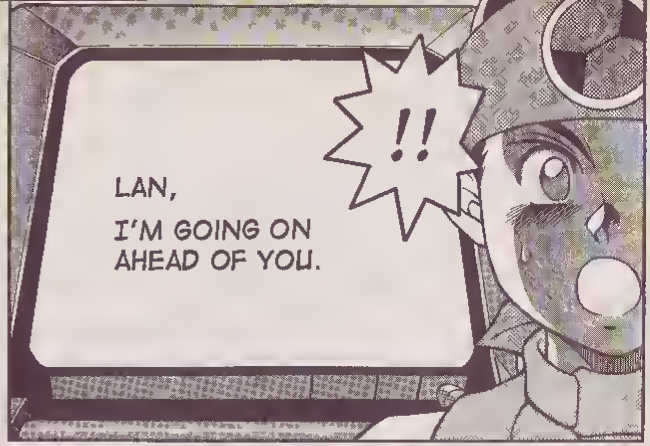

I DON'T THINK SO..
I DON'T ...

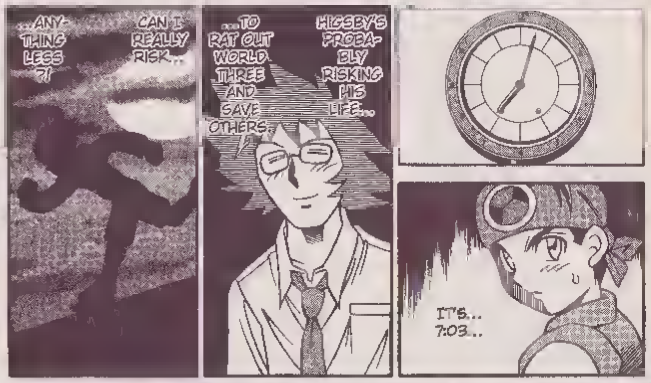

YOU CAN DESTROY THEM, LAN! YOU AND MEGAMAN!
I'M SICK TO DEATH OF WORLD THREE, HUH!

HUH ..?

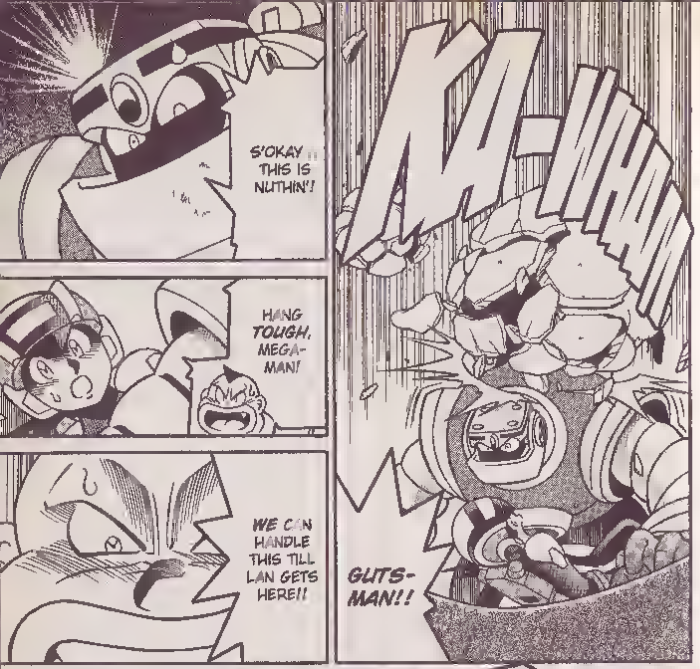

THEY CAN HANDLE IT! IT'S THEIR JOB!!!
GET CHALID...
...OR ANY OF THE NET-POLICE!

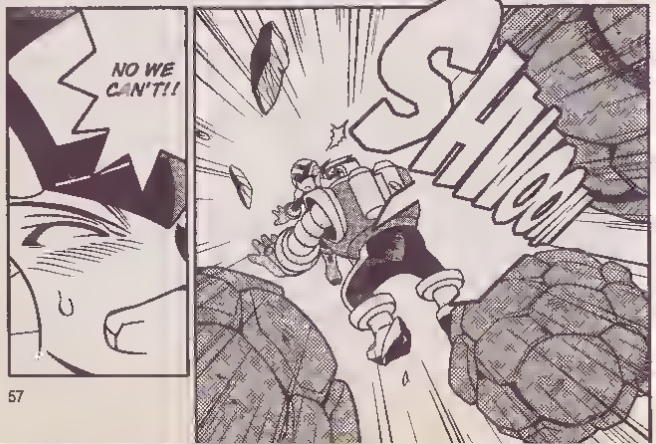

BROOOM!
DES-TROY!
GARUM!
DES-TROY!
BROOOM!
GARUM!
METRO-LINE SECURITY PROGRAM
ENEMY LOCATED AND IDENTI-FIED: STONE-MAN
PRE-PARING TO BATTLE.
GARUM!
DESTROY !!
HOLD ON..
...?
..WE MAY TO HAVE TO TAKE A NUMBER.
PROTO-MAN, IT SEEMS..

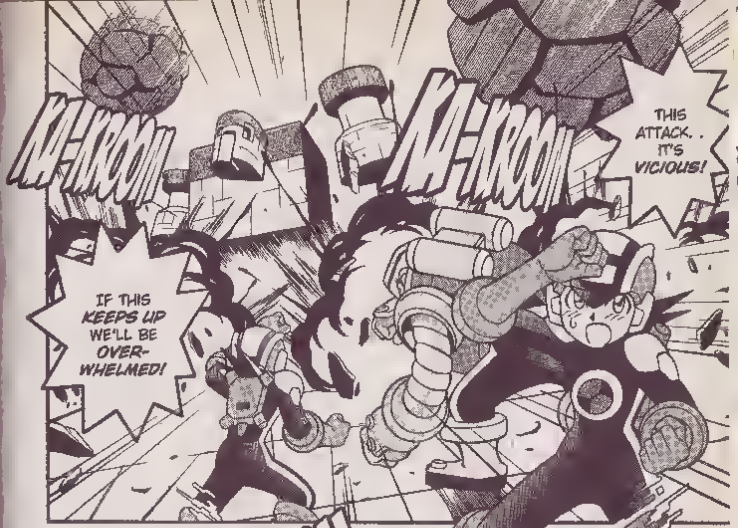

!!
LAN,
I'M GOING ON AHEAD OF YOU.

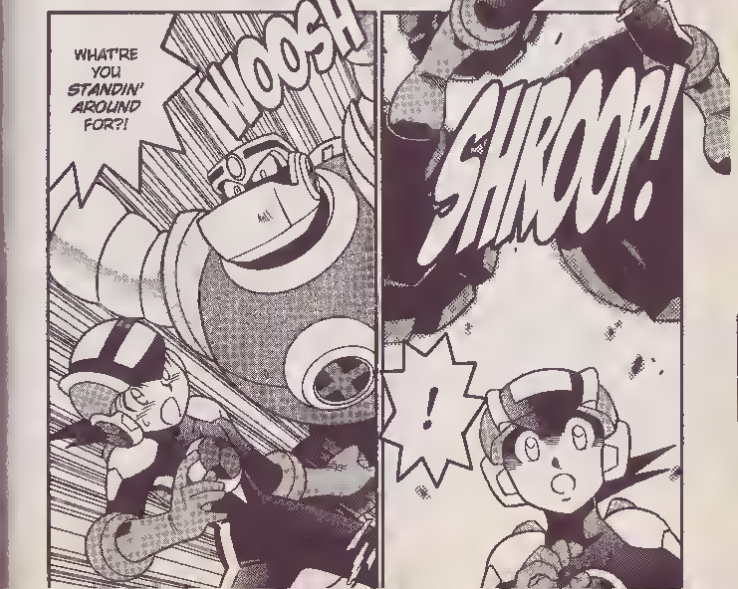

...ANY-THING LESS ?!
CAN I REALLY RISK..
...TO RAT OUT WORLD THREE AND SAVE OTHERS..
HIGSBY'S PROBA-BLY RISKING HIS LIFE...
IT'S... 7:03...

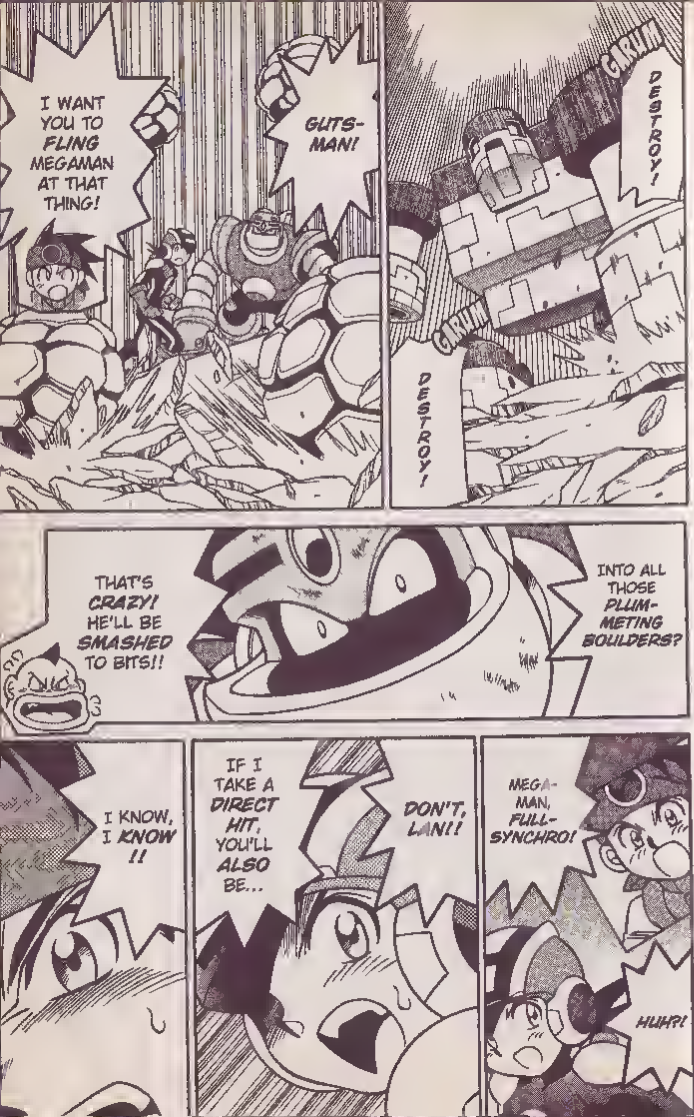
ALL RIGHT! NO MORE RUNNING!!


S'OKAY, THIS IS NUTHIN'!
HANG TOUGH, MEGA-MAN!
WE CAN HANDLE THIS TILL LAN GETS HERE!!
KA-KROOM
GUTS-MAN!!

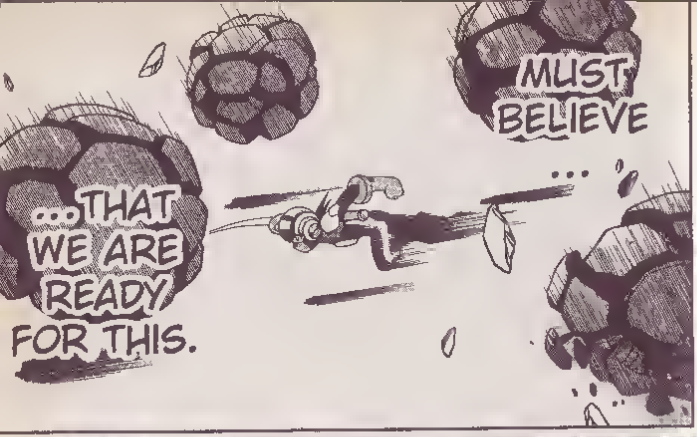

NO WE CAN'T!!
SHOOM


KA-KROOM
KA-KROOM
THIS ATTACK. . IT'S VICIOUS!
IF THIS KEEPS UP WE'LL BE OVER-WHELMED!

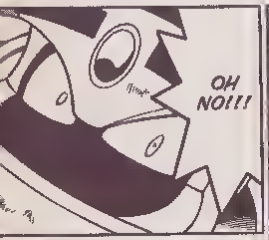

WHAT'RE YOU STANDIN' AROUND FOR?!
WOOSH
SHROOP!
!

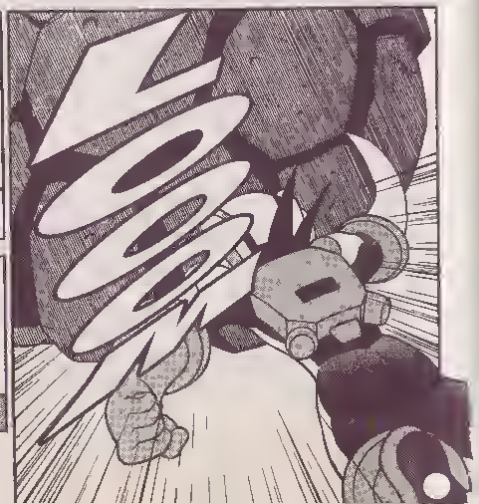

I WANT YOU TO FLING MEGAMAN AT THAT THING!
GUTS-MAN!
DESTROY!
GRUM
DESTROY!
GRUM
THAT'S CRAZY! HE'LL BE SMASHED TO BITS!!
INTO ALL THOSE PLUM-METING BOULDERS?
I KNOW, I KNOW !!
IF I TAKE A DIRECT HIT, YOU'LL ALSO BE...
DON'T, LAN!!
MEGA-MAN, FULL-SYNCHRO!
HUH?!

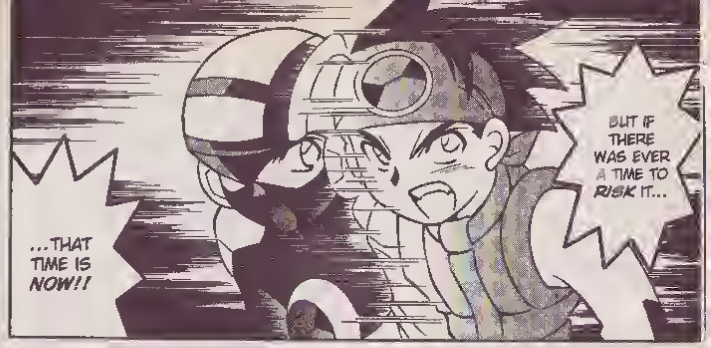
BARRIER JUST WENT UP! BUT...
...BUT HOW?!
ZWEEN
BARRIER
LAN! YOU'RE BACK!!
PREPARE FOR BATTLE OPERATIONS, MEGAMAN!!
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH !!
YA ALMOST MISSED IT, GUY!
!!

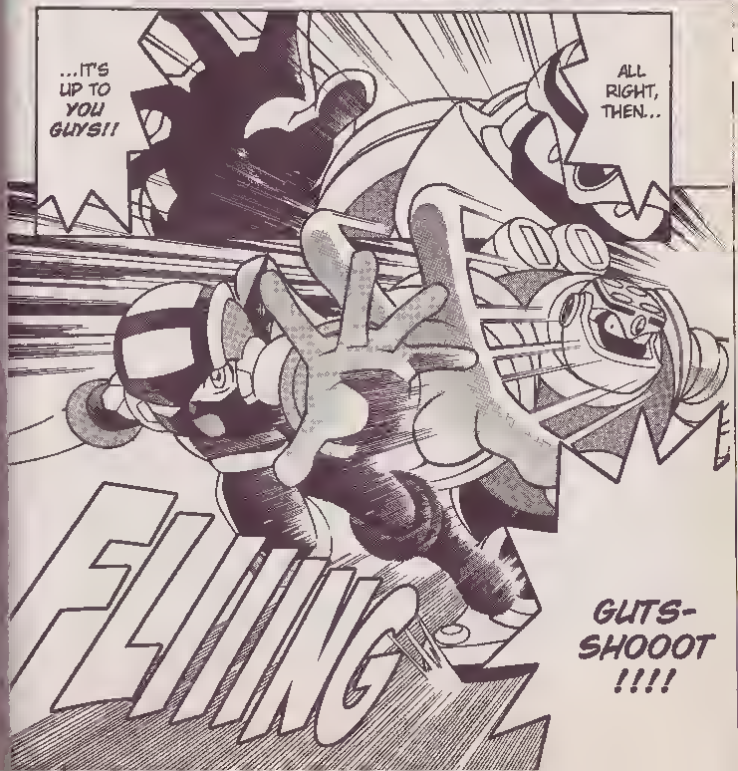


FOR ANYTHING !!!

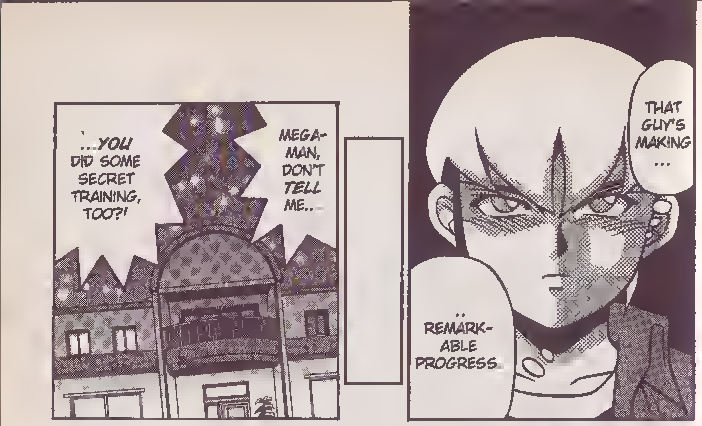


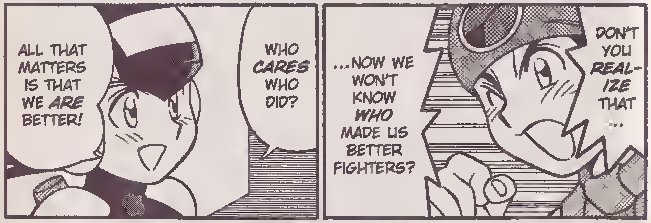


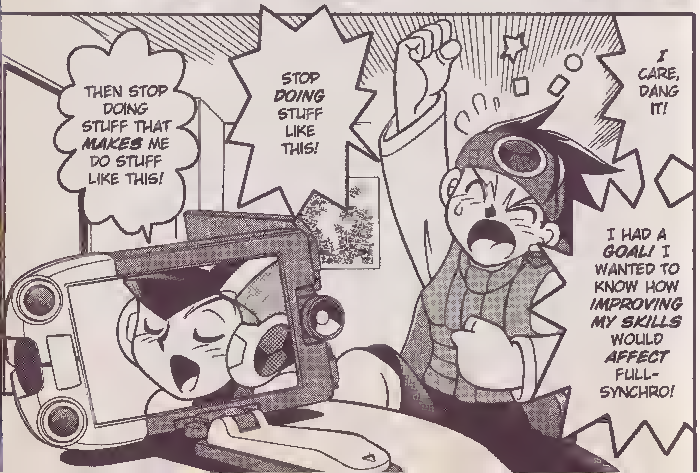


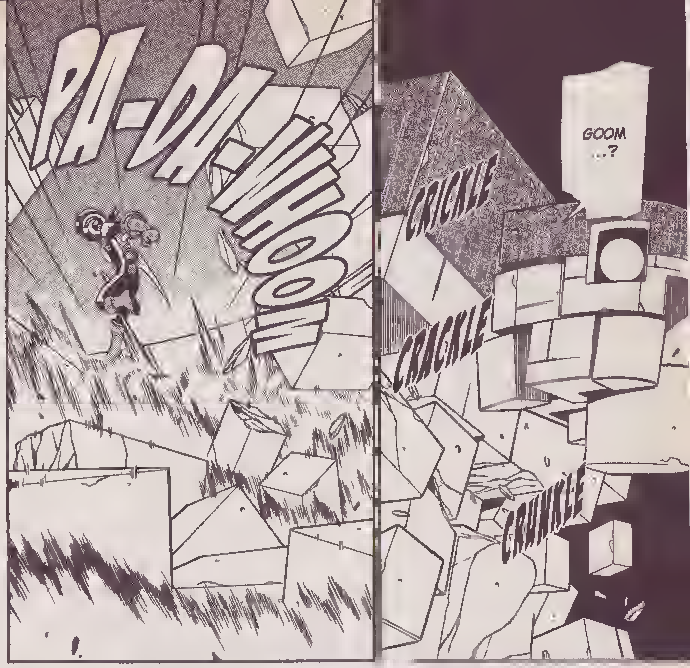


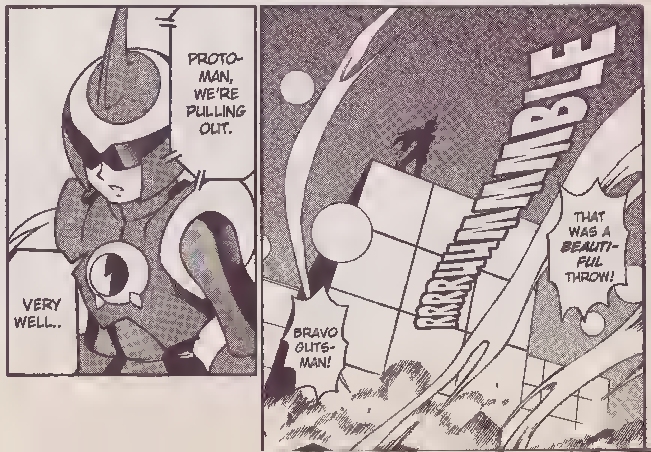
SPLICE
!
WHAT A DODGE !!
HOLY GUTS !!







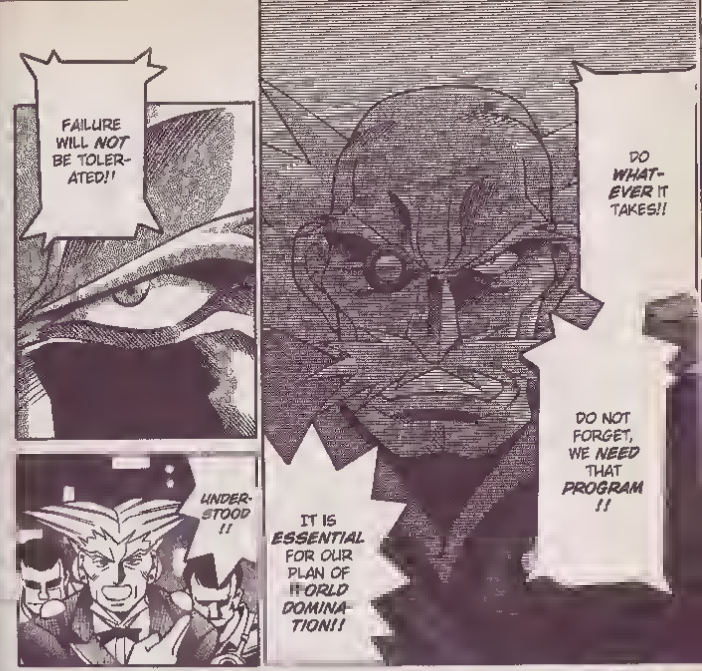



PROTO-MAN, WE'RE PULLING OUT.
VERY WELL..
WHIII

LORD WILY, I HAVE A REPORT TO MAKE.
THE SLEEPING GAS HAS HAD ITS EFFECT.
ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE NOW UNDER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF WORLD THREE.
WE SHOULD HAVE DEFINITE RESULTS SHORTLY.
NOT YET, BUT WE HAVE CAPTURED A KEY INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED WITH IT
VERY GOOD, COUNT ZAP.
HAS THE PROGRAM IN QUESTION BEEN FOUND?

CHAPTER 3: WORLD THREE ACTIVATE!!

I'D HOPED TO AVOID THIS..
IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?
TARGET!
...OR ANYONE TO COOPERATE WITH WORLD THREE!
DON'T EXPECT ME...
...THE END OF THE ROAD FOR ME, LAN.
THIS MAY BE...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, SON!!
JOIN WITH MEGAMAN, AND PROTECT YOUR MOM.

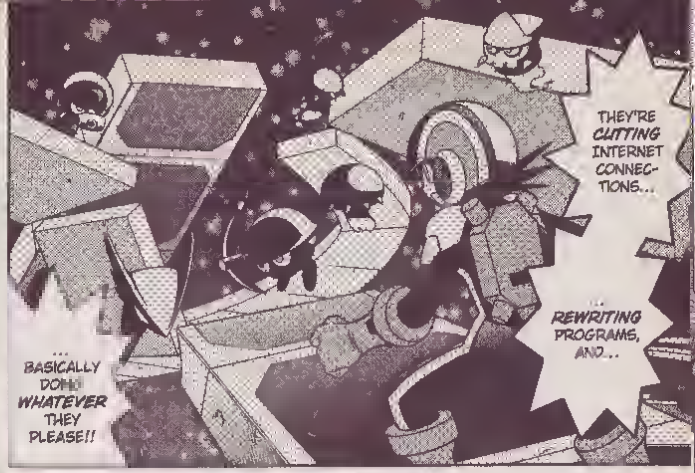

FAILURE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!
DO WHATEVER IT TAKES!!
UNDERSTOOD!!
IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR PLAN OF WORLD DOMINATION!!
DO NOT FORGET, WE NEED THAT PROGRAM!!

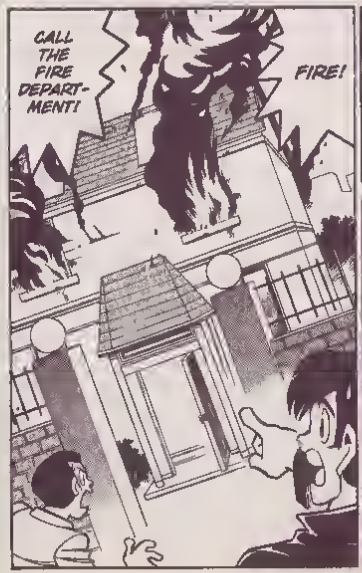
TELL US, AND SAVE US ALL A GOOD DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT.
STAY SILENT IF YOU LIKE, BUT ELECMAN WILL EVENTUALLY FIND IT.
DOCTOR HIKARI..
...YOUR LACK OF COOPERATION IS DISAPPOINTING

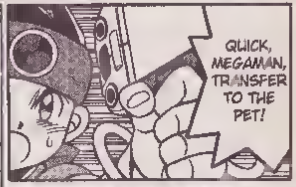
MOM! WE GOTTA UNPLUG EVERY-THING!
R... RIGHT!
THE TV ..NOW THE MICRO-WAVE!!
NOT AGAIN!!
WHAM
MEGA-MAN!
WHAT THE ...?!
THE WORST VIRUS OUT-BREAK IN THE CYBER-NET I'VE EVER SEEN!!
I HAVE... AND IT'S BAD!!
FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!!
ALL OUR WEB-BASED APPLI-ANCES ARE GOING BLOOEY!

BOOM
THE TELEVISION EXPLODED! BUT .BUT HOW?!
Y... YES, LAN!
MOM! ARE YOU OKAY?!
BOOM

CRASH
THE PHONES ARE DEAD!!
AIIIEE! THAT HYDRANT BLEW!!
THEY'RE MOVING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!!
WEEEOOO WEEEOOO
IT'S GOTTA BE WORLD THREE!

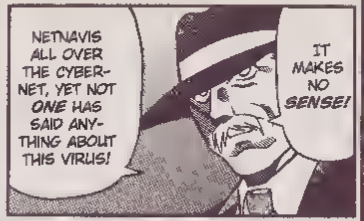

... BASICALLY DOING WHATEVER THEY PLEASE!!
THEY'RE CUTTING INTERNET CONNECTIONS...
... REWRITING PROGRAMS, AND...


CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!
FIRE!


QUICK, MEGAMAN, TRANSFER TO THE PET!

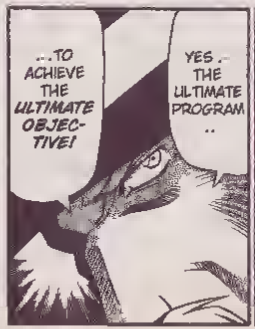
LAN! BE CAREFUL!
I'M GONNA CHECK THIS OUT, MOM!

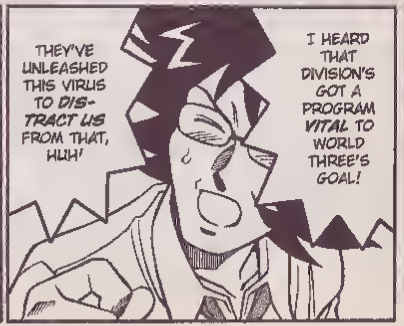
HMM —IF THAT'S SO...
...THAT COULD BE A BREAK FOR US.
...REACHED THE SILVER TOWER, THE CENTER OF SCILAB, HUH!
THEIR MAIN FORCES HAVE PROBABLY...
I WANT THE MOST POWERFUL NETPOLICE NETBATTLERS AT THE READY!!
WE'LL ENGAGE WORLD THREE AT THE SCIENCE DIVISION'S SILVER TOWER!!!
TING
TING
TING
TING
CHALID BLAZE NETNAVI/PROTOMAN AFFILIATION/FREELANCE


NETNAVIS ALL OVER THE CYBER-NET, YET NOT ONE HAS SAID ANY-THING ABOUT THIS VIRUS!
IT MAKES NO SENSE!

MR. HIGGSBY ...
I THINK THIS IS PART OF WORLD THREE'S PLAN TO ATTACK THE SCILAB, HUH!

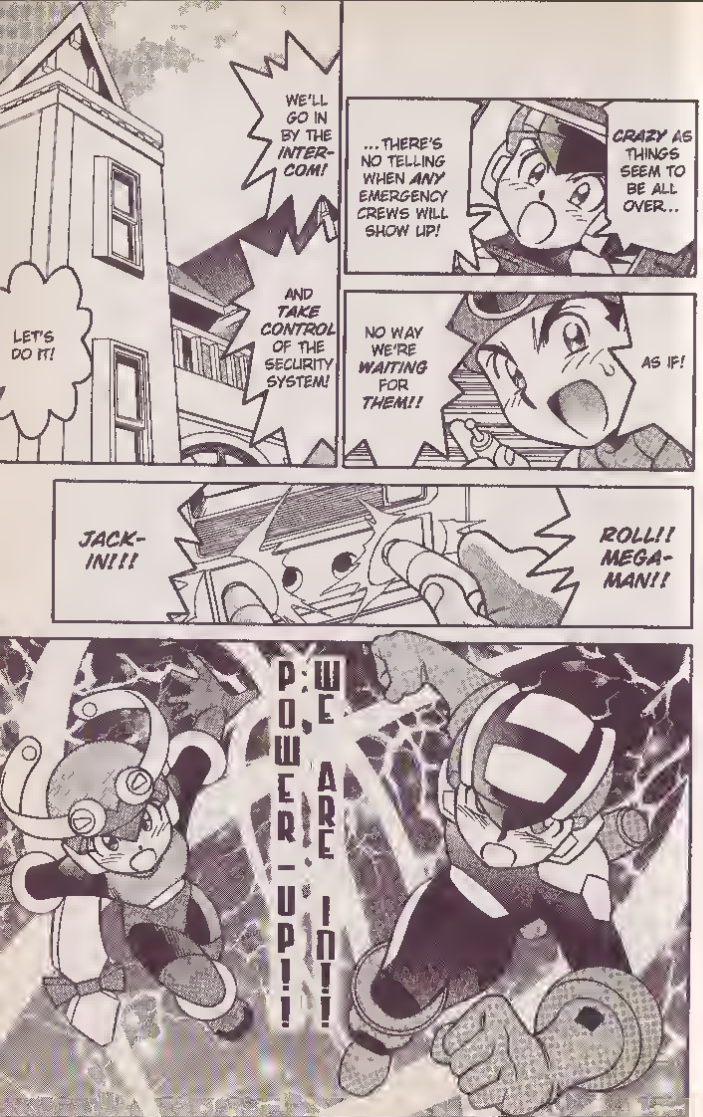
DENTECH CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS
ALL CITY FUNC-TIONS HAVE SHUT DOWN!
WE'RE UNABLE TO CON-TACT THE MILITARY!
OR RE-ESTABLISH THE INTELLI-GENCE NETWORK!!

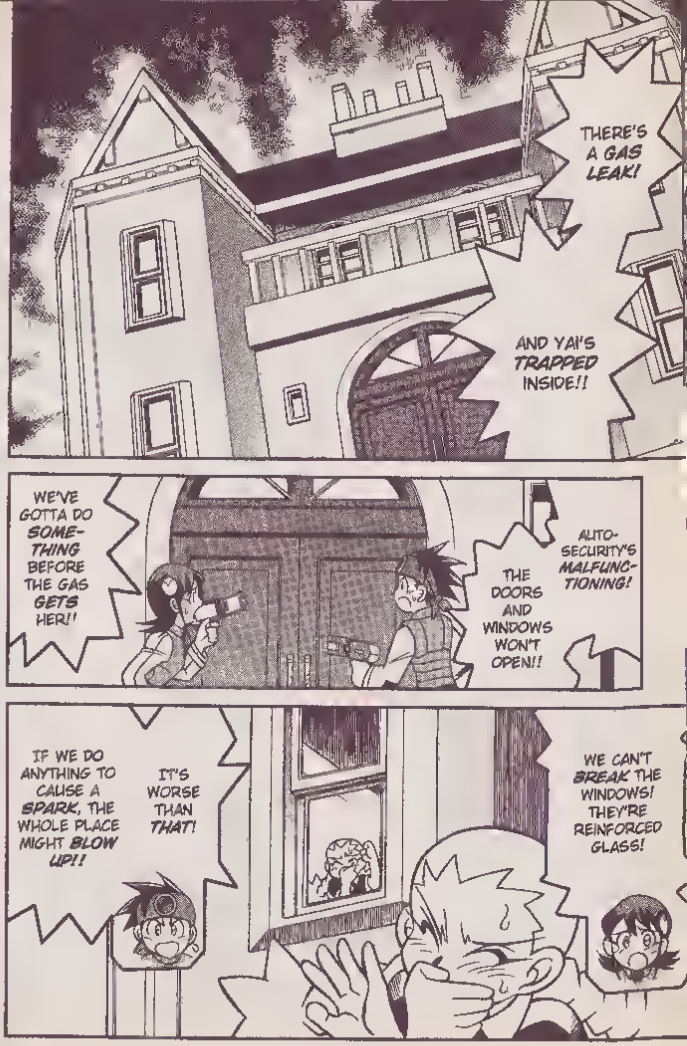

...TO ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE OBJEC-TIVE!
YES. THE ULTIMATE PROGRAM ..

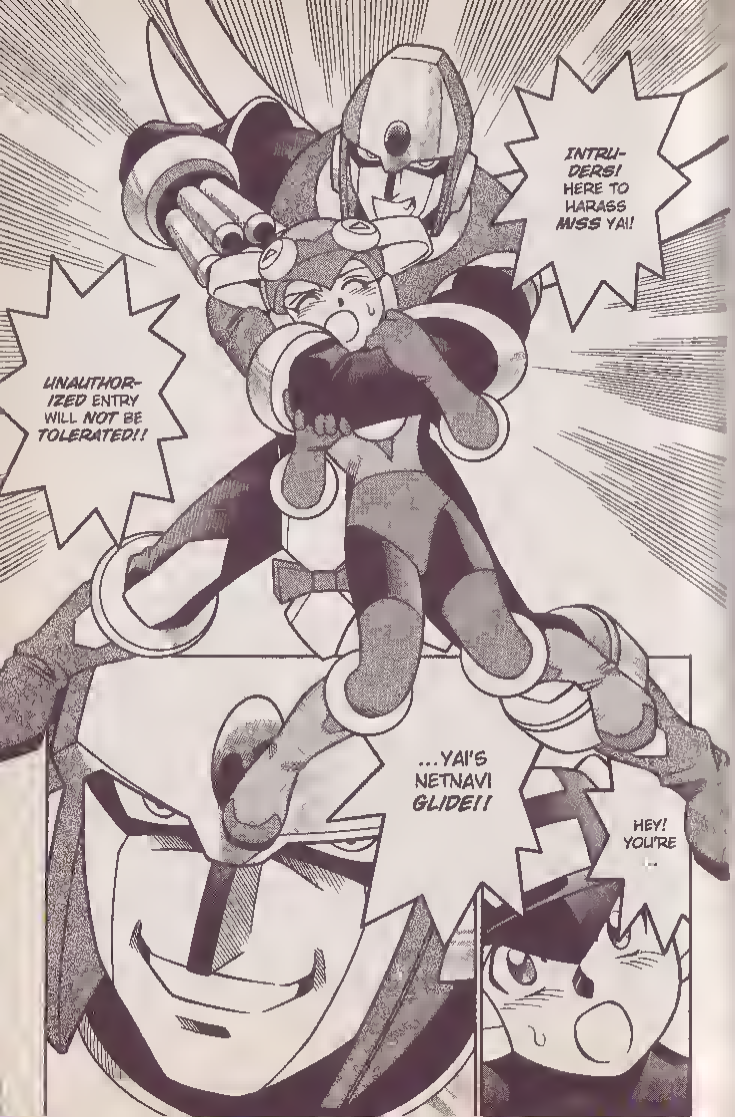

THEY'VE UNLEASHED THIS VIRUS TO DIS-TRACT US FROM THAT, HUH!
I HEARD THAT DIVISION'S GOT A PROGRAM VITAL TO WORLD THREE'S GOAL!

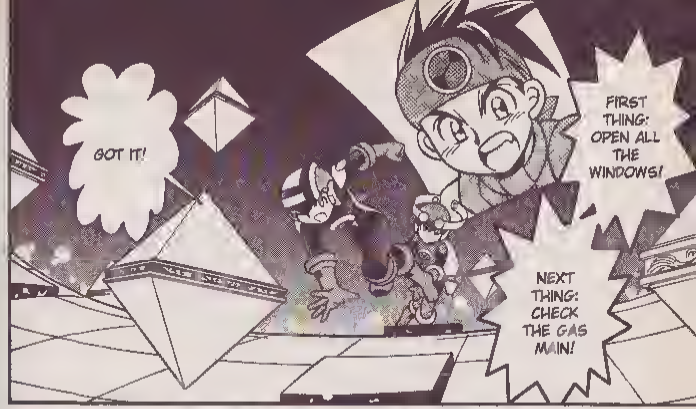
...
I KNOW, WITH A GOOD HEART...
...WHICH CAN BE A SERIOUS LIABILITY AT TIMES...
SOMEONE, HEEELP!!
WEEOOO WEEOOO
HELP!
IT'S YAI HER HOUSE...
LAN!
WHAT ABOUT IT?!
MAYLU! WHAT'S WRONG?!

SO HERE'S
...THE ROSTER OF THE ANTI-WORLD THREE SPECIAL TEAM...
HIS NAME... ISN'T HERE!
?!
I DO BELIEVE THAT, BUT...
I THOUGHT YOU BELIEVED HE AND MEGAMAN HAD GREAT COMBAT POTENTIAL, HUH!
..YOU'VE OMITTED LAN HIKARI! WHY, HUH?
INSPECTOR ODA...
BUT... HE'S STRONG, AND TOUGH...
...THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO FIELD THEM.


LET'S DO IT!
WE'LL GO IN BY THE INTER-COM!
AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE SECURITY SYSTEM!
...THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN ANY EMERGENCY CREWS WILL SHOW UP!
CRAZY AS THINGS SEEM TO BE ALL OVER..
NO WAY WE'RE WAITING FOR THEM!!
AS IF!
JACK-IN!!!
ROLL!! MEGA-MAN!!
WE ARE IN!!
POWER-UP!!

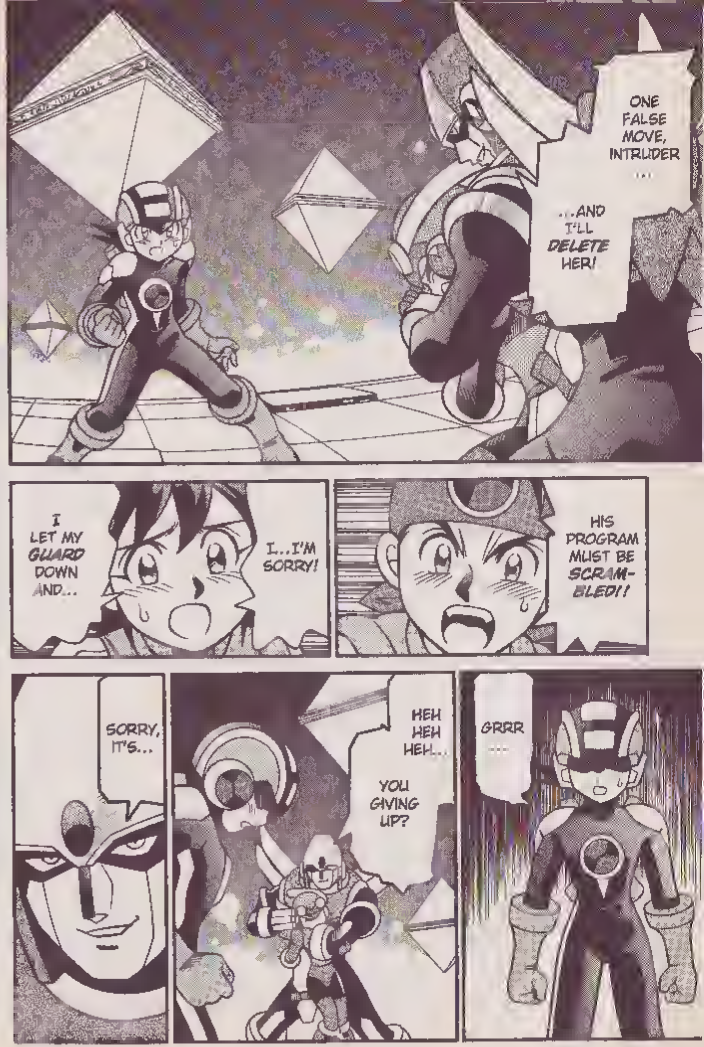

THERE'S A GAS LEAK!
AND YAI'S TRAPPED INSIDE!!
WE'VE GOTTA DO SOME-THING BEFORE THE GAS GETS HER!
THE DOORS AND WINDOWS WON'T OPEN!!
AUTO-SECURITY'S MALFUNC-TIONING!
IF WE DO ANYTHING TO CAUSE A SPARK, THE WHOLE PLACE MIGHT BLOW UP!!
IT'S WORSE THAN THAT!
WE CAN'T BREAK THE WINDOWS! THEY'RE REINFORCED GLASS!


INTRUDERS! HERE TO HARASS MISS YAI!
UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!
...YAI'S NETNAVI GLIDE!!
HEY! YOU'RE


GOT IT!
FIRST THING: OPEN ALL THE WINDOWS!
NEXT THING: CHECK THE GAS MAIN!

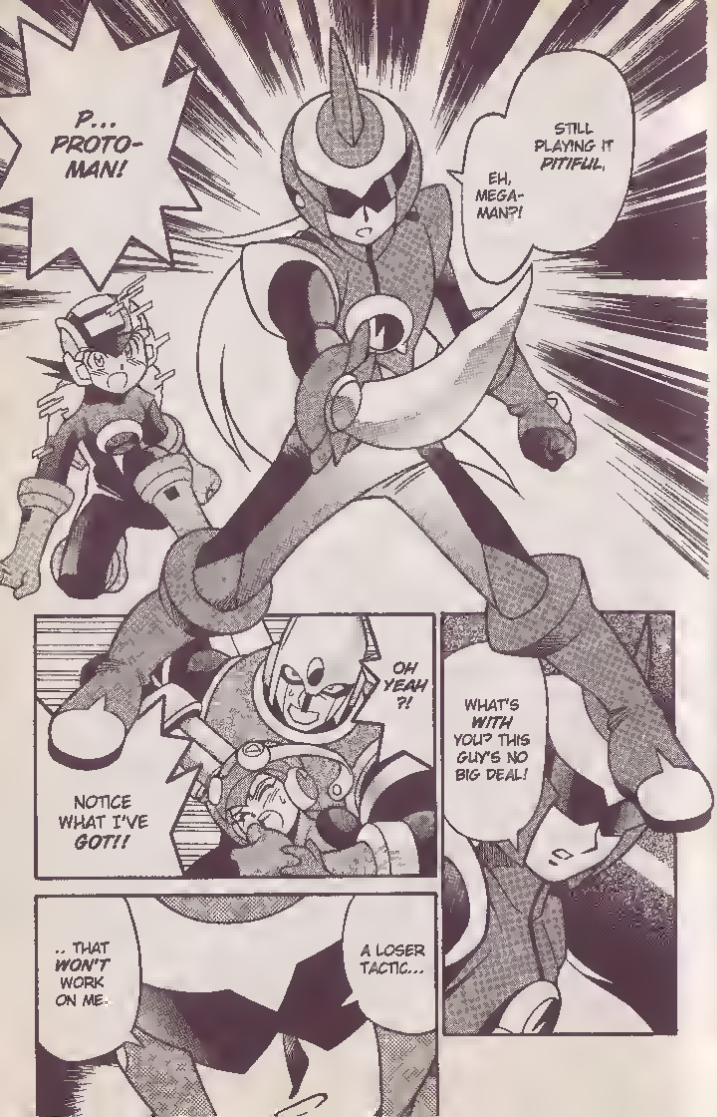
HUH ...?
SHUUU
ROLL?!!
AAA-AAH !!!

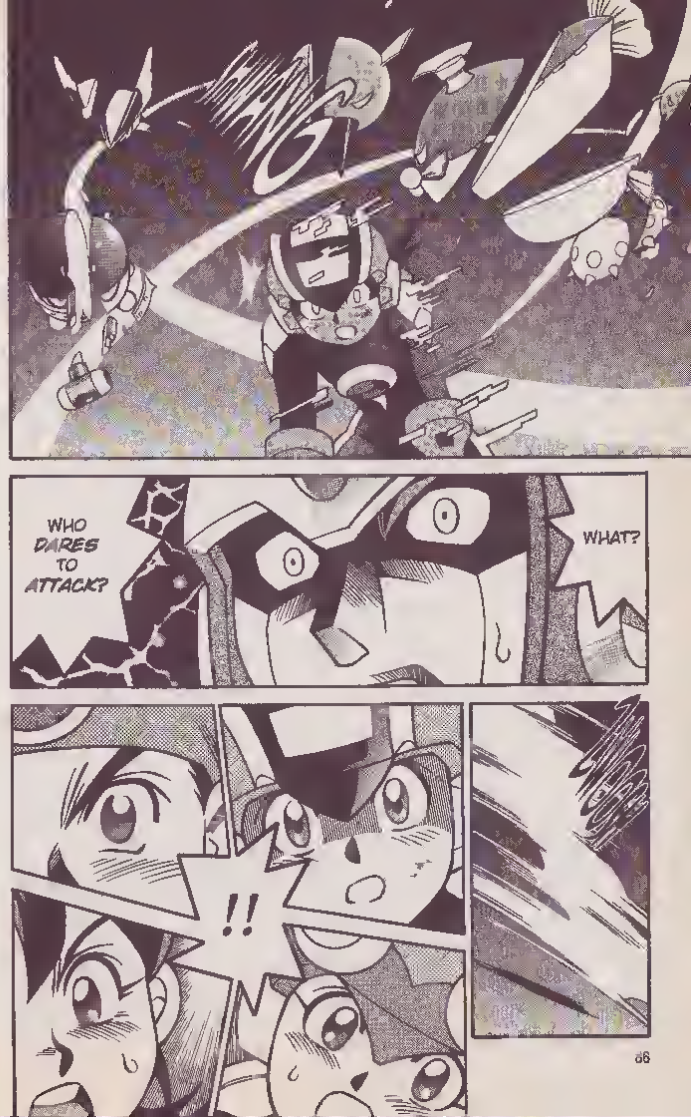
...TOO LATE !!!
RRRUMMMBLE
!!
M... MEGA-MAN!!!
YAAGH !!
GHOOM

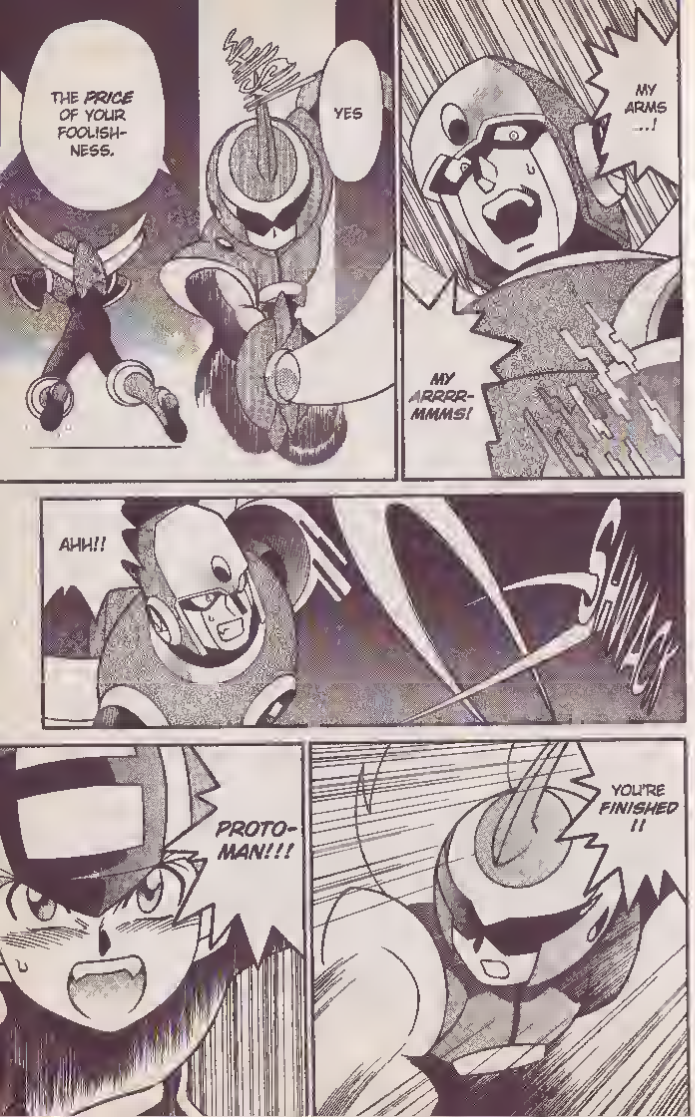

ONE FALSE MOVE, INTRUDER ...
...AND I'LL DELETE HER!
I LET MY GUARD DOWN AND...
I...I'M SORRY!
HIS PROGRAM MUST BE SCRAM-BLED!!
SORRY, IT'S...
HEH HEH HEH... YOU GIVING UP?
GRRR ....

NO!!
AND YOU'LL BE JUST LIKE ME!
NO DELETION, THEN. I'LL JUST REVISE YOUR PROGRAM A LITTLE.
HEH, HEH, HEH
DON'T DO THIS!!
GLIDE! PLEASE!!
YAAA-AAAA!!!
DO SOME-THING!!
LAN!!
YEAH, BUT... WHAT?!

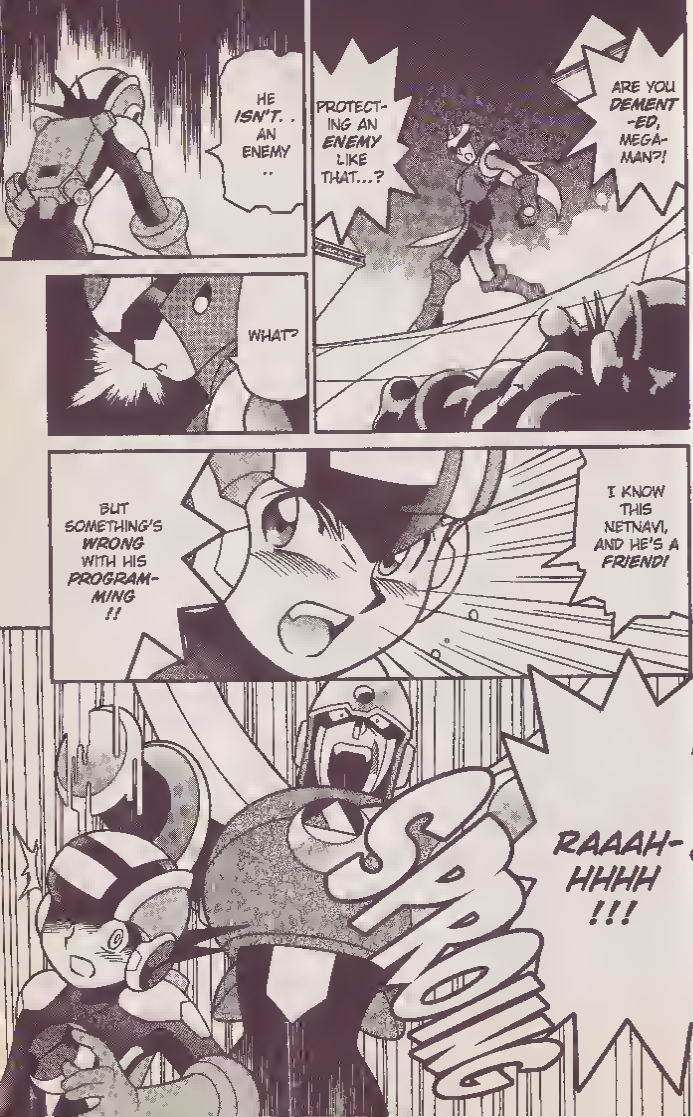
YOU'RE ACTING CRAZY!!
STOP IT, GLIDE!!
CRUNCH
WHAM
KER-BLAM!!
WHAT A NICE THING TO SAY.
HEH HEH HEH...
GLIDE! DON'T YOU RECOG-NIZE US?
WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS...
...DELETE YOUR FRIEND WITH THE GREAT-EST OF EASE!!
NOW WATCH AS I...

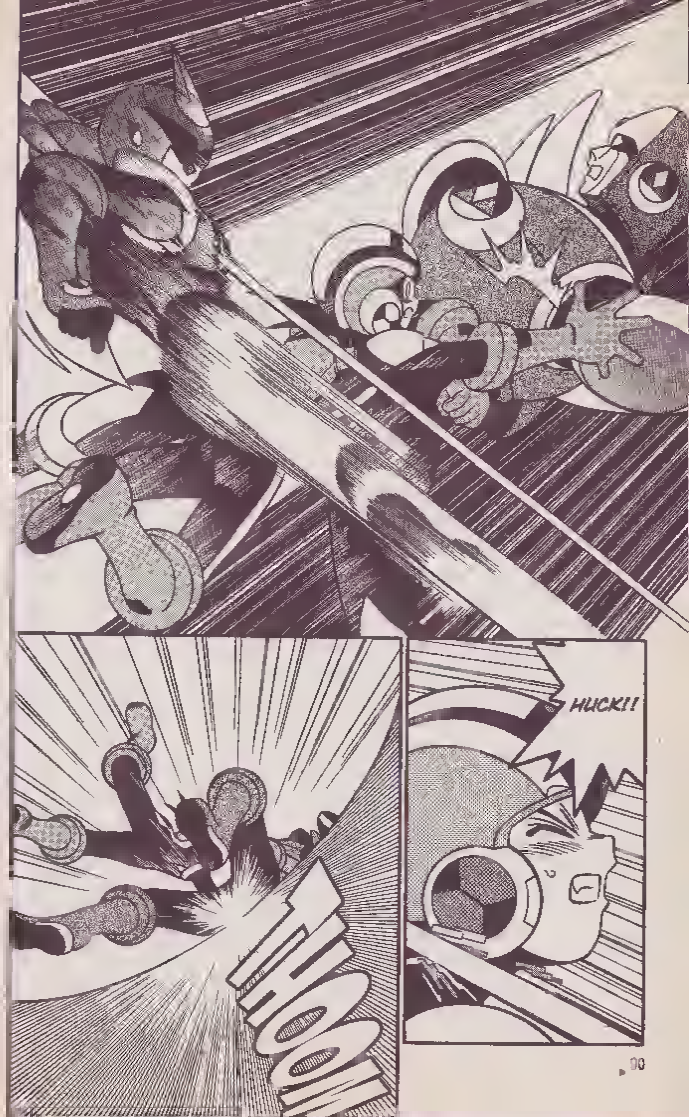

P... PROTO-MAN!
EH, MEGA-MAN?!
STILL PLAYING IT PITIFUL.
OH YEAH ?!
NOTICE WHAT I'VE GOT!!
WHAT'S WITH YOU? THIS GUY'S NO BIG DEAL!
.. THAT WON'T WORK ON ME.
A LOSER TACTIC...


WHO DARES TO ATTACK?
WHAT?
!!

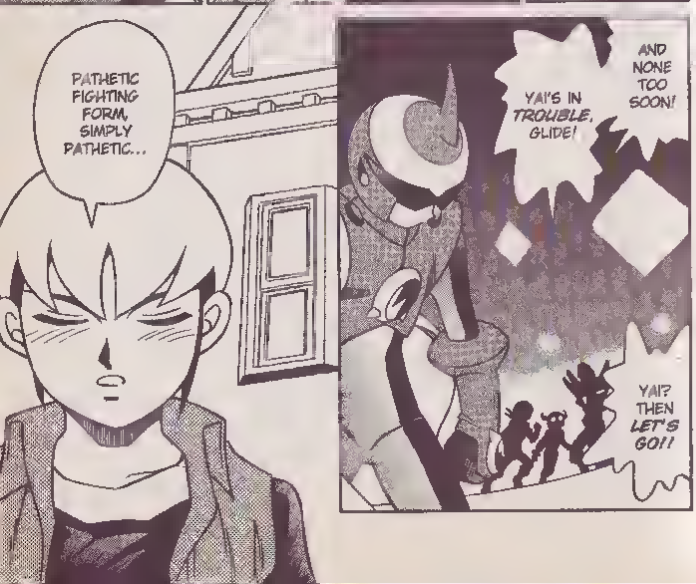

THE PRICE OF YOUR FOOLISH-NESS.
YES
MY ARMS ...!
MY ARRRR-MMMS!
AHH!!
SHWACK
PROTO-MAN!!!
YOU'RE FINISHED !!

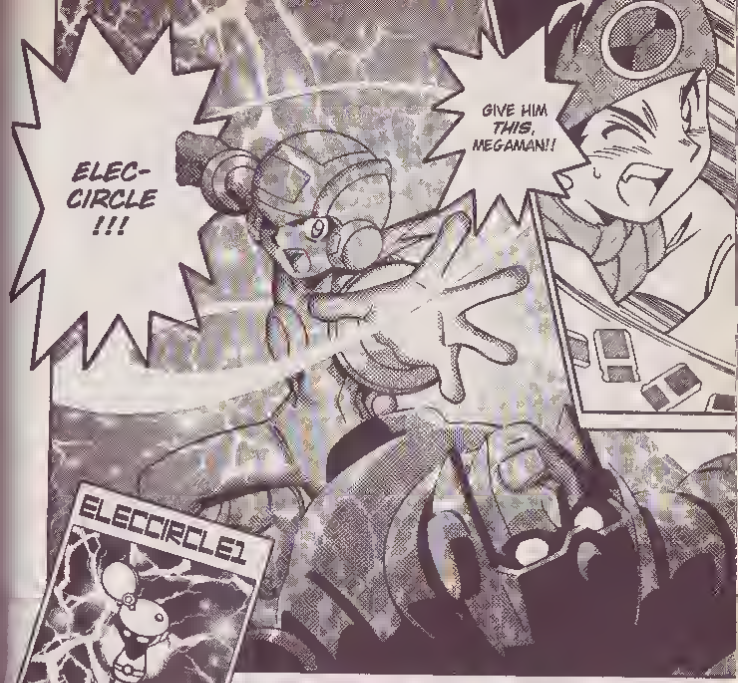
HAVING YOUR ARMS FULL OF HOSTAGE . .
WOOSH
... MEANS ...
.YOU'VE GOT NOTHING AVAILABLE TO FEND OFF ATTACK!!

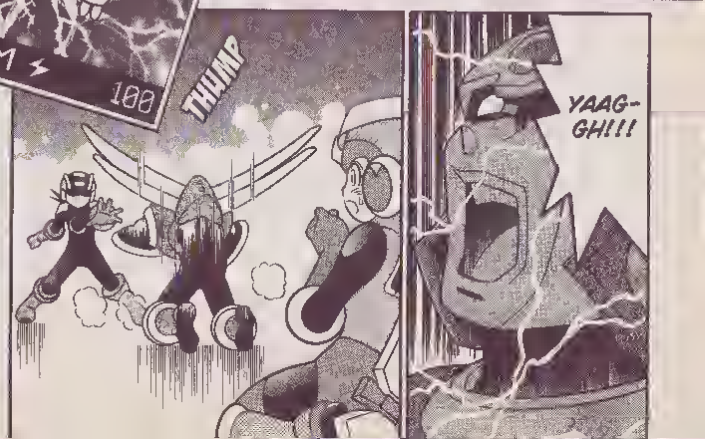

HE ISN'T.. AN ENEMY..
ARE YOU DEMENT-ED, MEGA-MAN?!
PROTECT-ING AN ENEMY LIKE THAT...?
WHAT?
I KNOW THIS NETNAVI, AND HE'S A FRIEND!
BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH HIS PROGRAM-MING !!
RAAAH-HHHH !!!
SPOING


HUCK!!
THOOM

ALL RIGHT!
HE'S BACK TO NORMAL!
!
MEGA-MAN...
... YOU'RE HERE? BUT...
WHAT... WHAT WAS I...?


PATHETIC FIGHTING FORM, SIMPLY PATHETIC...
YAI'S IN TROUBLE, GLIDE!
AND NONE TOO SOON!
YAI? THEN LET'S GO!!

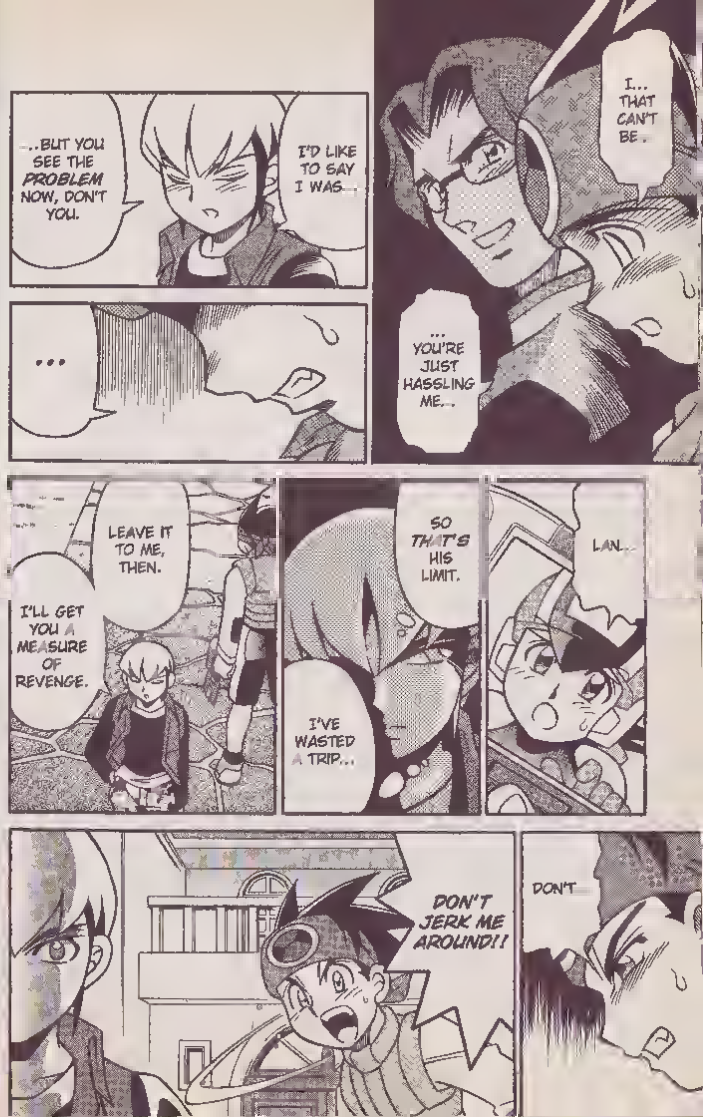

ELEC-CIRCLE !!!
GIVE HIM THIS, MEGAMAN!!
ELECCIRCLE1
M
100

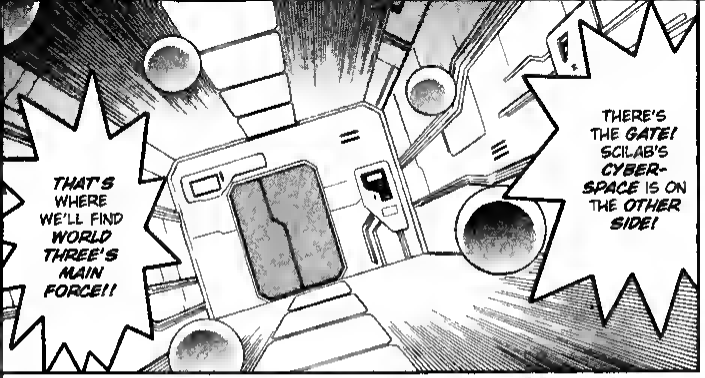

THUMP
YAAG-GH!!!

WORLD THREE HAS OCCUPIED SILVER TOWER
YOU KNOW SOMETHING, DON'T YOU? DON'T YOU?!
THEN SPIT IT OUT!!
THAT .. DOESN'T SOUND RHETORICAL.
NO. YOU CAN'T MEAN .
AND THEY'VE SEIZED A CERTAIN RESEARCHER.
S SILVER TOWER ..?
!!
I DO!! IT'S YOUR FATHER, LAN!! HE'S NOW IN THE CLUTCHES OF WORLD THREE!!

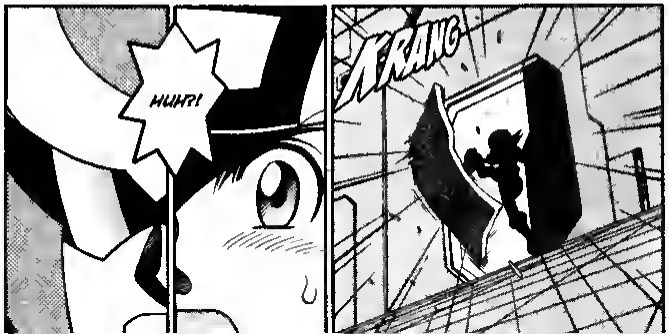
I'M OFF TO TAKE OUT WORLD THREE'S MAIN ASSAULT FORCE ..
YOU KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS AROUND TOWN.
EASY TO SEE WHY YOU WEREN'T PICKED FOR THE SPECIAL TEAM.
SPECIAL TEAM?
WHAT IF A HUMAN YOU WERE CLOSE TO WAS THREATENED INSTEAD?
COULD YOU ACT? COULD YOU DO WHAT HAD TO BE DONE?
YES! WE CAN ...
WE'LL COME WITH YOU!!
HOLD ON!
THAT KIND OF "ASSISTANCE" I DON'T NEED!
FREEZE UP WHEN A NETNAVI'S TAKEN HOSTAGE?

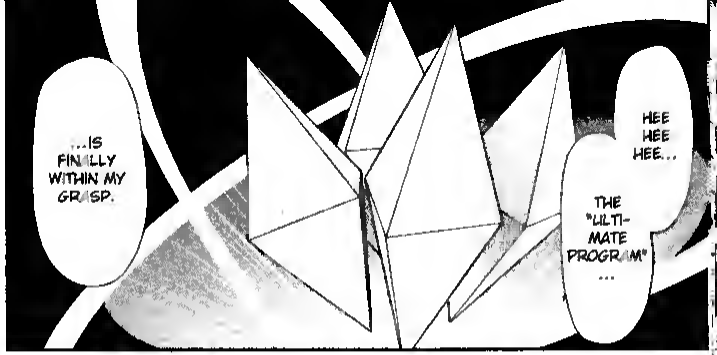
THIS IS MY MOMENT, AN' I'M TAKING IT! ALL THE WAY!!
LISTEN!
I'LL SAVE MY DAD AND STOMP WORLD THREE!!
HEH...
SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
...
ALL THE WAY, LAN!!
WORLD THREE'S TOAST, MEGAMAN!! YOU WITH ME?!

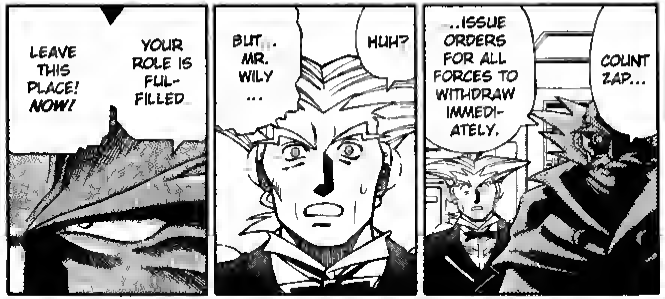

...BUT YOU SEE THE PROBLEM NOW, DON'T YOU.
I'D LIKE TO SAY I WAS...
...
I... THAT CAN'T BE.
...YOU'RE JUST HASSLING ME...
I'LL GET YOU A MEASURE OF REVENGE.
LEAVE IT TO ME, THEN.
SO THAT'S HIS LIMIT.
I'VE WASTED A TRIP...
LAN...
DON'T JERK ME AROUND!!
DON'T


THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND WORLD THREE'S MAIN FORCE!!
THERE'S THE GATE! SCILAB'S CYBER-SPACE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE!

THAT'S OUR TARGET! CHARGE!!


HUH?!
KRANG


...IS FINALLY WITHIN MY GRASP.
HEE HEE HEE...
THE "ULTI-MATE PROGRAM" ...


LEAVE THIS PLACE! NOW!
YOUR ROLE IS FUL-FILLED
BUT... MR. WILY ...
HUH?
...ISSUE ORDERS FOR ALL FORCES TO WITHDRAW IMMEDI-ATELY.
COUNT ZAP...

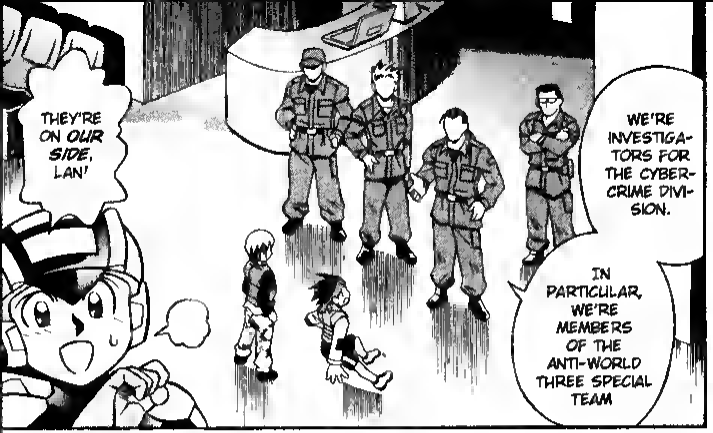
THE FATE OF THE WORLD RESTS WITH ME... AND ME ALONE!!!
NO ONE GETS IN MY WAY! NO ONE!!
CHAPTER 4: BATTLEGROUND: SILVER TOWER!!

THERE'S NO ONE AROUND!
YEEEEENG
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
DIDN'T WORLD THREE INVADE AND OCCUPY SILVER TOWER?
IF THEY'RE NOT HERE, IT MUST MEAN...
YES. I DON'T LIKE THIS.
...WE'RE TOO LATE! THEY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED AND CLEARED OUT.

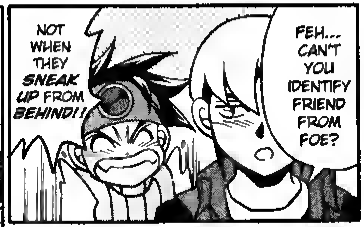
NO VIRUSES! NO NET-NAVIS! NOTHING!!
IT'S... DESERT-ED!!

DOOM
DOOM
...THE ULTIMATE COMPUTER SCOURGE ...
...THE LIFE-VIRUS !!!
WAIT! PLEASE!!
WHAT YOU'VE GOT ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK!!
THE LIFEVIRUS WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE!!
ONCE I FUSE THEM,
AND ...
...ACQUIRING THE "ULTIMATE PROGRAM," YOUR CONTRIBUTION, DR. HIKARI.

URK
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WHO ARE YOU?!
WORLD THREE'S PRIMARY FOCUS HAS BEEN ON CREATING THIS..
BWAH-HA HA HA!
GAZE UPON IT.

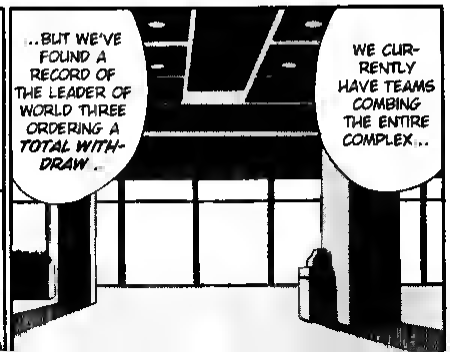

THEY'RE ON OUR SIDE, LAN!
WE'RE INVESTIGATORS FOR THE CYBER-CRIME DIVISION.
IN PARTICULAR, WE'RE MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-WORLD THREE SPECIAL TEAM

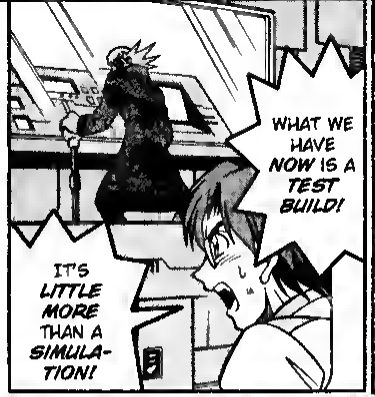
BY ALL INDICATIONS, THE ENEMY'S COME AND GONE.
WE'VE JUST EVACUATED THE PERSONNEL.

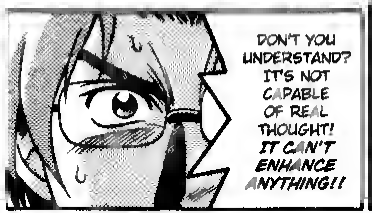

NOT WHEN THEY SNEAK UP FROM BEHIND!!
FEH... CAN'T YOU IDENTIFY FRIEND FROM FOE?

SO WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

HUH ?!
HA HA HA... GREETINGS, OFFICERS!


...BUT WE'VE FOUND A RECORD OF THE LEADER OF WORLD THREE ORDERING A TOTAL WITHDRAW...
WE CURRENTLY HAVE TEAMS COMBING THE ENTIRE COMPLEX...

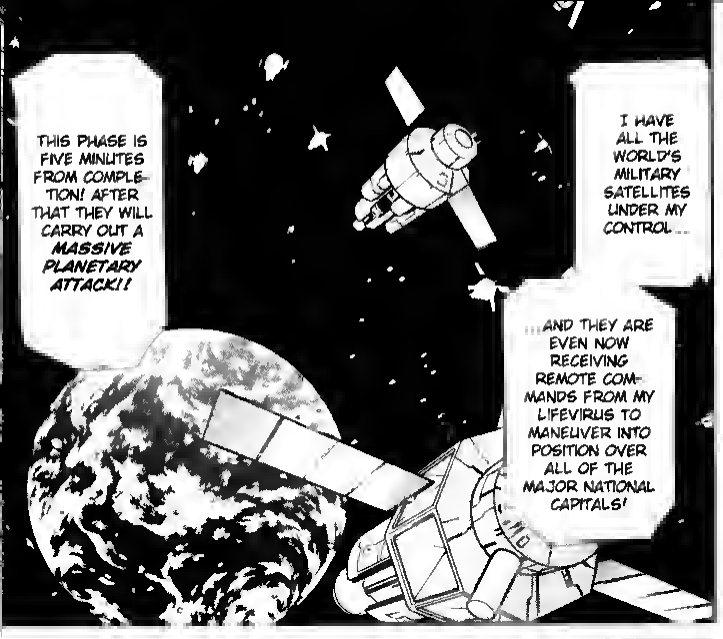

WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS A TEST BUILD!
IT'S LITTLE MORE THAN A SIMULATION!


DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IT'S NOT CAPABLE OF REAL THOUGHT! IT CAN'T ENHANCE ANYTHING!!

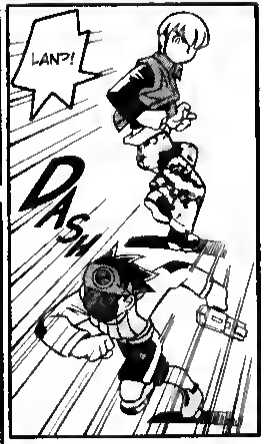
OUR "ULTIMATE PROGRAM" ...IT ISN'T READY!
IT'S ONLY A PROTOTYPE! WE'RE YEARS AWAY FROM FULL FUNCTIONALITY!!

BUH-BUM
...AND THERE'S NOTHING ANYONE CAN DO TO STOP IT!!
BUM-BUM
MY TRIUMPH IS ASSURED!!

DON'T PLAY SILLY WORD GAMES WITH ME, DOCTOR.
THE FUSION IS PROCEEDING...

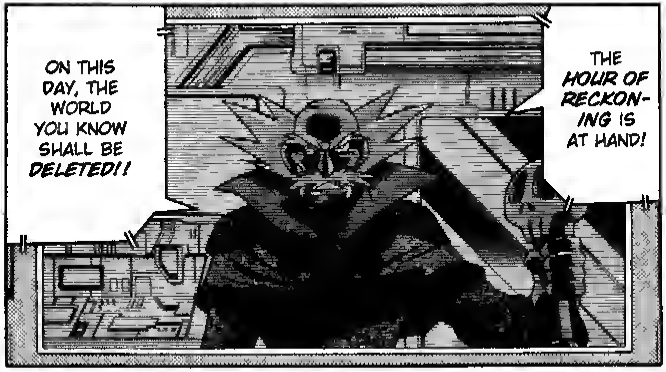

THIS PHASE IS FIVE MINUTES FROM COMPLETION! AFTER THAT THEY WILL CARRY OUT A MASSIVE PLANETARY ATTACK!!
I HAVE ALL THE WORLD'S MILITARY SATELLITES UNDER MY CONTROL...
...AND THEY ARE EVEN NOW RECEIVING REMOTE COMMANDS FROM MY LIFEVIRUS TO MANEUVER INTO POSITION OVER ALL OF THE MAJOR NATIONAL CAPITALS!

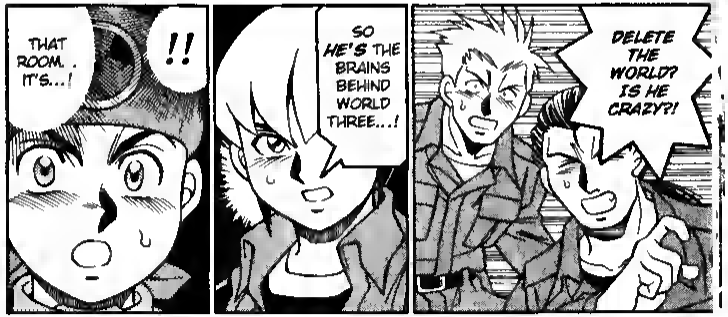
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!


LAN?!
DASH

...FIFTIETH FLOOR, BLOCK-E! MY DAD'S RESEARCH LAB!!
WHERE THAT GUY'S AT! SILVER TOWER...

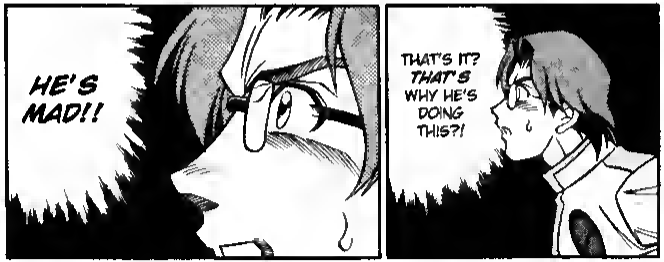
THERE! ON THAT MONITOR!
CEASE YOUR FUTILE EFFORTS!


ON THIS DAY, THE WORLD YOU KNOW SHALL BE DELETED!!
THE HOUR OF RECKONING IS AT HAND!


THAT ROOM. IT'S...!
!!
SO HE'S THE BRAINS BEHIND WORLD THREE...!
DELETE THE WORLD? IS HE CRAZY?!

I WON'T LET YOU DELETE THE WORLD ...
..FOR ANY REASON! ESPECIALLY THAT ONE!!
HOLD IT, YOU LUNATIC !!
FEH. PLAIN TO SEE WHY YOU HAD YOUR MEN CLEAR OUT.
HI, DAD! IT'S THE RESCUE SQUAD!
MY GOSH... LAN!
...WOULD NEVER LET YOU CARRY OUT SUCH AN IDIOTIC PLAN!
EVEN YOUR COMRADES IN WORLD THREE...

IN THE PROCESS ROBOT ENGINEERING, THE FIELD TO WHICH I'D DEDICATED MY LIFE, WAS TRIVIALIZED!!
THIS IS A WORLD DOMINATED BY THE OBSCENE CREATIONS OF NET ENGINEERING!
...ITSELF DESERVES AND SHALL RECEIVE DELETION !!!
A WORLD NEGATING MY SCHOLARSHIP, EFFECTIVELY DELETING ME...

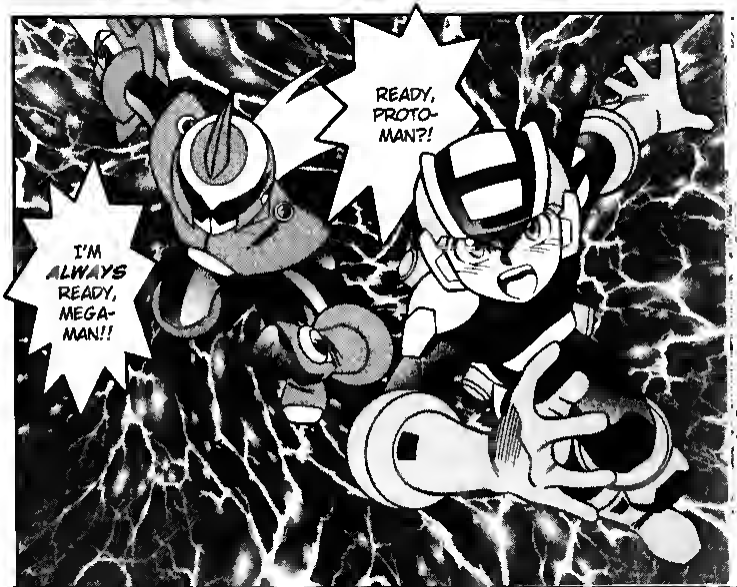

HE'S MAD!!
THAT'S IT? THAT'S WHY HE'S DOING THIS?!

MAY WE JOIN THE PARTY, PROTO-MAN?
HRRM!
WAIT UP!
HUH?
YOU SEEM TO FORGET THAT THE SPECIAL TEAM ISN'T JUST YOU!!
THE WHOLE SPECIAL TEAM! WOW!!
..THE LIFE-VIRUS LAUGHS AT YOUR FEEBLE OPPOSI-TION!!
FOOLS...

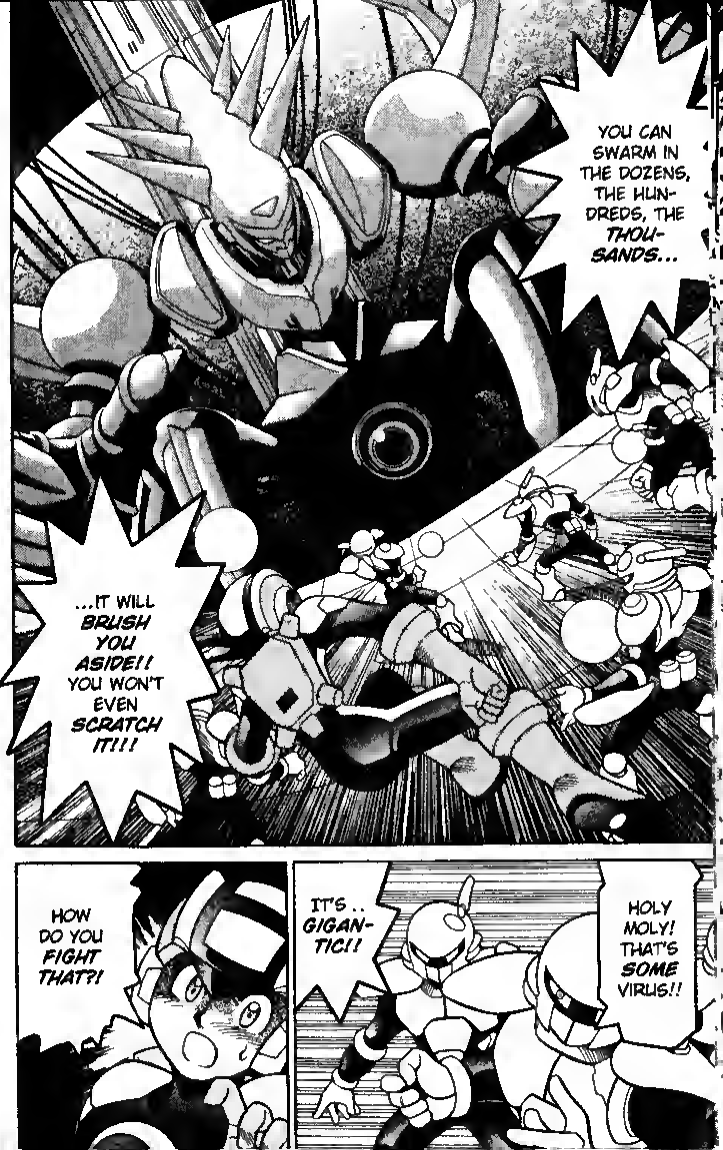
MEGA-MAN!
THIS ONE WE GOTTA WIN!!

PROTO-MAN!
DESTROY THE LIFE-VIRUS!!

YOUNG WHELPS!
YOU'RE WRONG, AND YOU'RE TOO LATE!
HA HA HA
IT'S HAPPEN-ING!!


READY, PROTO-MAN?!
I'M ALWAYS READY, MEGA-MAN!!

SHWING
LONG-SWORD!!
LIKE THIS!
THAT'S THE IDEA!
RIGHT! M-CANNON!!
ALL UNITS, PREPARE TO FIRE!!
KA-KOW


YOU CAN SWARM IN THE DOZENS, THE HUNDREDS, THE THOUSANDS...
...IT WILL BRUSH YOU ASIDE!! YOU WON'T EVEN SCRATCH IT!!!
HOW DO YOU FIGHT THAT?!
IT'S.. GIGANTIC!!
HOLY MOLY! THAT'S SOME VIRUS!!

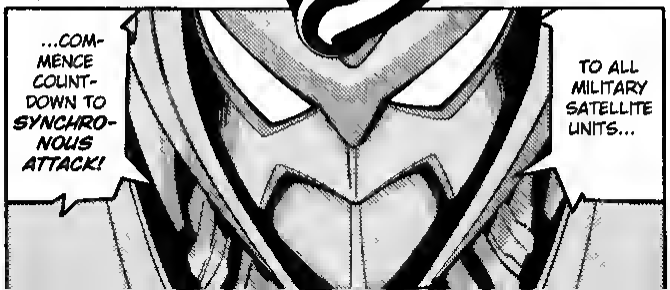
!!
RUUUM RUM RUM RUM RUM
DAMAGE
NERO!!!
PWOP
INCREDI-BLE!
NOT A SCRATCH !!

KA-BLAM BLAM BLAM
FIRE !!!
YAA-HOO!!
BULL'S EYES ALL A-ROUND !!
BAWHAAA

BRAIN
BRAIN
BRAIN
BRAIN
BRAIN
BRAIN
BRAIN
I... IT'S WIPED 'EM OUT!!
EVERY ONE!!
GET THE PICTURE, DUST MOTES?!
BWAAH HA HA HA HAH!
METEOR!!!!

I'M NOT A PRAYING MAN, BUT...
...MAY THESE KIDS FIND FAVOR WITH THE ALMIGHTY!!

SCREAM!
WAIL!
AND KNOW DESPAIR!!
FWOOSH

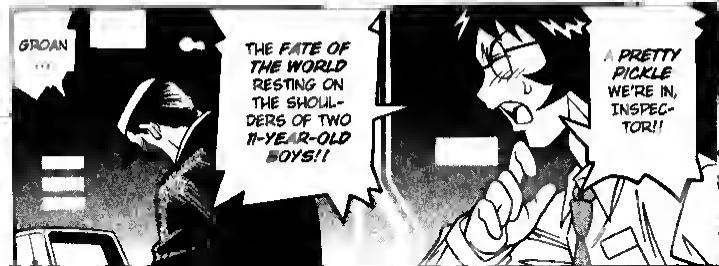

TO ALL MILITARY SATELLITE UNITS...
...COMMENCE COUNTDOWN TO SYNCHRONOUS ATTACK!

WE HAVE ONE OVER DENTECH CITY!
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES!
Den-Tech City Police Headquarters
ALL MILITARY SATELLITES ARE RUNNING ATTACK SEQUENCES!
COUNTRY-A MANUFACTURE, TYPE S-IIB!

CHAUD BLAZE'S PROTOMAN...
...AND ONE YOU DID NOT AUTHORIZE ...MEGAMAN!!

...IT'S BEEN ALL BUT OBLITERATED!! ONLY TWO NETNAVIS REMAIN!!
THE SPECIAL ANTI-WORLD THREE TEAM...

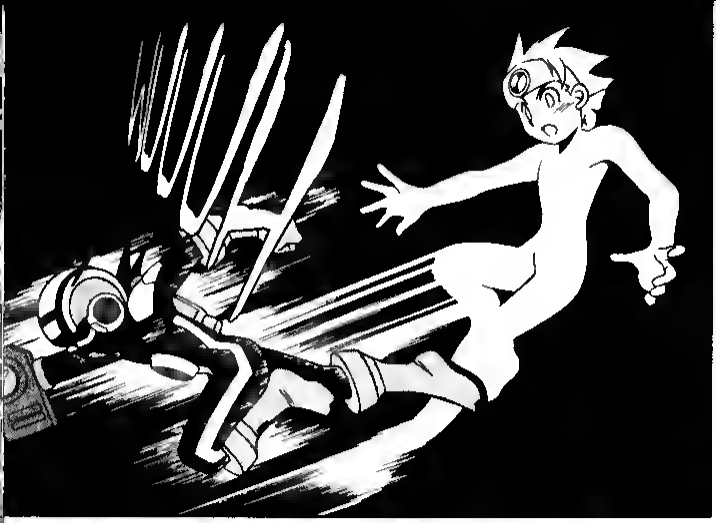
WHO ARE THE SURVIVORS?!


GROAN...
THE FATE OF THE WORLD RESTING ON THE SHOULDERS OF TWO 11-YEAR-OLD BOYS!!
A PRETTY PICKLE WE'RE IN, INSPECTOR!!

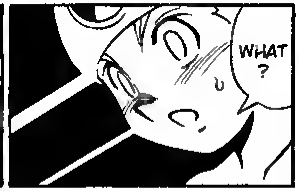
25!
YES! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DEFEAT IT!
GET INSIDE THE LIFE-AURA AND ATTACK IT FROM THERE!
24!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND!!
GET INSIDE IT? HOW?!
23!
AFTER EACH FIRING IT HAS TO RESET AND REENER-GIZE!
IT ONLY TAKES MILLI-SECONDS, SO IT SEEMS AS THOUGH IT STAYS UP!!
22!
WILY JUMPED THE GUN! THE PROGRAM ISN'T COM-PLETE!!
LAN... THE LIFE-AURA ISN'T FULLY FUNC-TIONAL!

THIRTY SECONDS TO ENGAGE-MENT!
ATTACK SEQUENCE GO!
28!
29!
YOU CAN'T GET THROUGH IT BY AN EXTERNAL ATTACK!
THE LIFE-VIRUS HAS A DEFENSE CALLED LIFE-AURA!
LAN! LISTEN TO ME!
THAT GLOWING SPHERE THING?!
LIFE-AURA?
UH... YES, SIR?

MEGA-MAN!
18!
PROTO-MAN!
CAN YOU GET THROUGH ?!
ENGAGE THE LIFEAURA AGAIN!
17!
THE WORLD... ...THE FUTURE... ...WON'T BE DELETED IF I CAN HELP IT!!!
WE'LL FIND OUT!!
KIPPPPPPP
16!
DO IT! IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE !!
15!
YOU INSIST THE LIFE-AURA'S INCOM-PLETE? FEH!!
SUCH BABBLE'S BENEATH CON-TEMPT!!
IF YOU MAXIMIZE FULL-SYNCHRO WITH MEGA-MAN...
...YOU MIGHT CATCH THE LIFE-AURA IN RESET MODE!
KNIGHT-SWORD !!
CAN'T DISCERN THE RESET INTERVAL!!
GARR ...



..LEAVE THE REST TO ME
LAN


WHAT ?

...
THAT'S OKAY.
IF I DON' T COME BACK, WELL
...

...TO FINISH THIS JOB.
WE DON'T NEED TO BE IN FULL-SYNCHRO
...

NOW !!!

Z-CANNON !!!
OH, YES I CAN!

HE MADE IT! HE'S INSIDE THE AURA!!

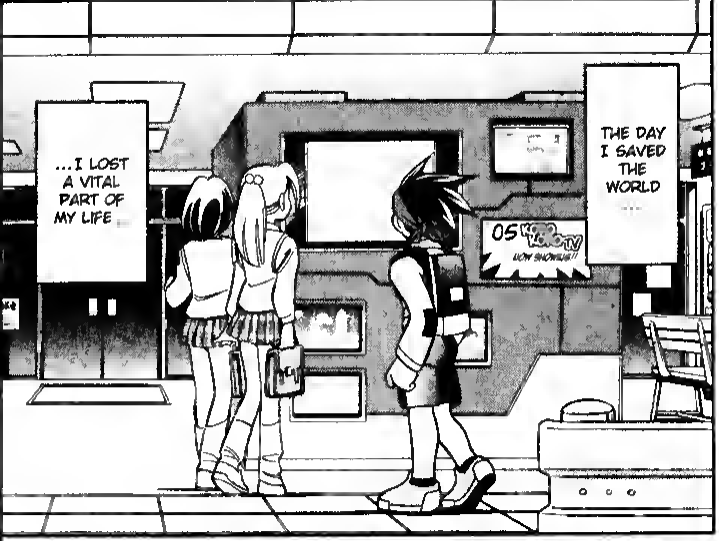
NO! Y...YOU CAN'T !!

OH LAN, MEGAMAN... ...I'M SORRY.
MEGA-MAN! DON'T DO THIS!!!
WE'RE A TEAM! WE ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, WE... ALWAYS WILL...
MEGA-MAAAAN !!
GOOD-BYE, LA...

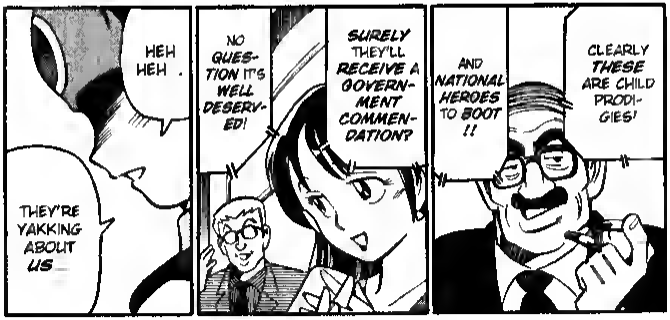
OUR TIME TOGETHER ...
...FOR ALL IT'S UPS AND DOWNS, WAS WONDER-FUL.
...FOR EVERY-THING.
SO THANKS, LAN...

...CAN'T BELIEVE HE JUST WENT AND...
CAN'T BELIEVE...
MEGA-MAN, YOU STUPID JERK!!

JUST A MOMENT
...JUST ANOTHER MOMENT AND I'D HAVE DELETED THE WORLD
KERBLAM
BOOM
KA
CURSE YOU, WHELP!
PWOOM
KA-BROOM

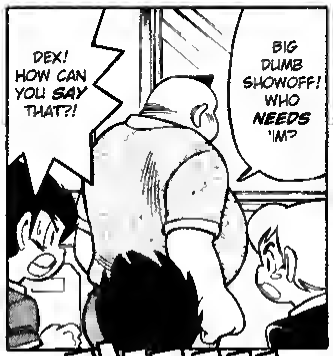

...I LOST A VITAL PART OF MY LIFE...
THE DAY I SAVED THE WORLD...
05 TODAY
LION SHOWER!!

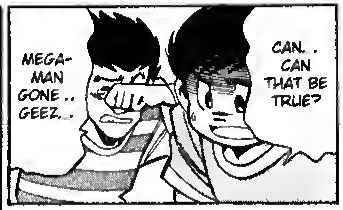
UP-TO-THE-MINUTE FEATURE
"HUMANITY'S CLOSE SHAVE"
HUMANITY WAS SAVED BY THE ACTIONS OF TWO 11-YEAR-OLD BOYS!!
TO THINK THAT ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION...
INCREDIBLE!


HEH HEH.
THEY'RE YAKKING ABOUT US...
NO QUESTION IT'S WELL DESERVED!
SURELY THEY'LL RECEIVE A GOVERNMENT COMMENDATION?
AND NATIONAL HEROES TO BOOT!!
CLEARLY THESE ARE CHILD PRODIGIES!

CHAPTER 5:
RESCUE MEGAMAN!!

DESTROYED ALONG WITH THE WORLD THREE VIRUS?!!
OH NO, MEGA-MAN WAS... DELETED ?!!

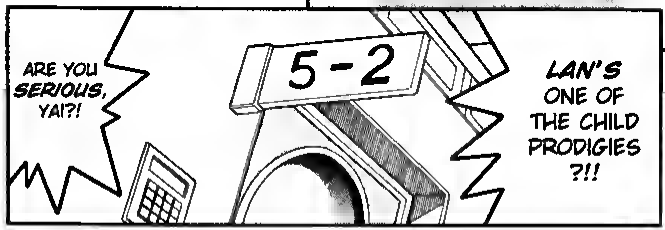

DEX! HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!
BIG DUMB SHOWOFF! WHO NEEDS 'IM?


MEGA-MAN GONE.. GEEZ..
CAN.. CAN THAT BE TRUE?

SAVING THE WORLD AND ALL ...
THAT DUMMY LAN...!

WAAAA-AHHH
AW, DEX ...
IF I'D BEEN THERE I'D'VE... I'D'VE...
NUH!
WHY DIDN'T HE...ASK FOR MY HELP...?

PRAIS-ING US TO THE SKIES.
YOU CATCH-ING ALL THAT, MEGA-MAN...?
YO! LONG TIME NO SEE!
HOW'S EVERY-ONE BEEN DOIN'?


ARE YOU SERIOUS, YA!?!
5-2
LAN'S ONE OF THE CHILD PRODIGIES ?!!

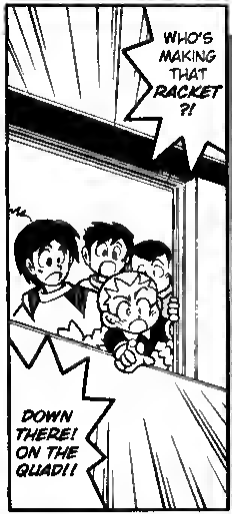
WAIT. ACCORD-ING TO WHAT GLIDE TOLD ME....

TOLDJA THAT DUDE WAS BEYOND COOL!
THAT'S TOTALLY AWE-SOME!
THREE CHEERS WHEN LAN SHOWS UP, EVERY-BODY!

RAH
RAH
RAH
LAN HIKARI, CHILD PRODIGY, HERO OF HUMANITY !!!
HEY EVERY-ONE! CHECK ME OUT !!
LAN DOWN? HAH! HE'S ON TOP OF THE WORLD!
HUH? AUTO-GRAPHS ?
AND YOUR CHANCE TO BUY MY EXCLUSIVE DVD "ALL ABOUT THE BATTLE"!
HUSTLE DOWN FOR AUTO-GRAPHS !!
PLENTY FOR EVERY-BODY!!
NO CUT-TING IN LINE!

WHAT DO WE SAY TO HIM...?
LAN'S... GOTTA BE FEELIN' PRETTY DOWN...

LAN...
...


WHO'S MAKING THAT RACKET ?!
DOWN THERE! ON THE QUAD!!

HEY-
HO UP THERE !!!
YEEE-OW!!

YEAH, YEAH, IT'S MY FAULT...
AIN'T IT ALWAYS?
CAN YOU BELIEVE MS. MARI?!
SHE SURE CAN'T TAKE A JOKE.
LAN...
...WE REALLY SHOWED 'EM, DIDN'T WE?
YOU AND ME..
IT'S UP TO US TO LET EVERY-ONE KNOW, Y'KNOW!
THOSE MORONS ON TV WON'T EVEN SAY MY NAME!

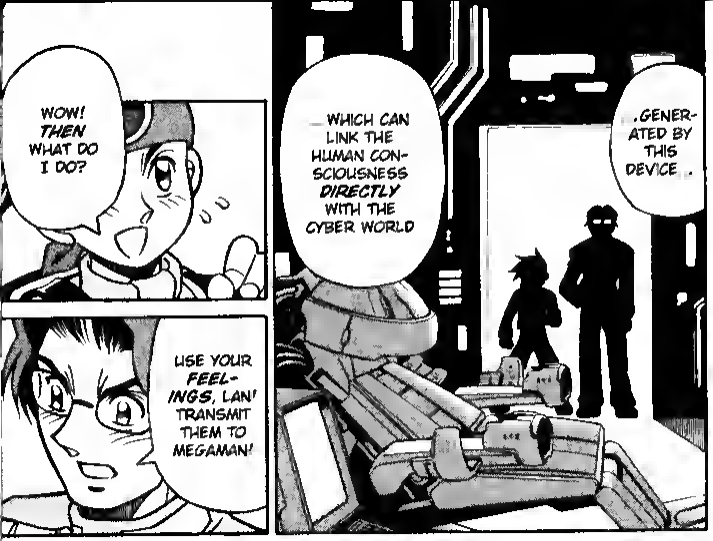
FRRR
LAN HI... KA ...RI !!!
MS. MARI ?!!
YAAGH !!
HUH?

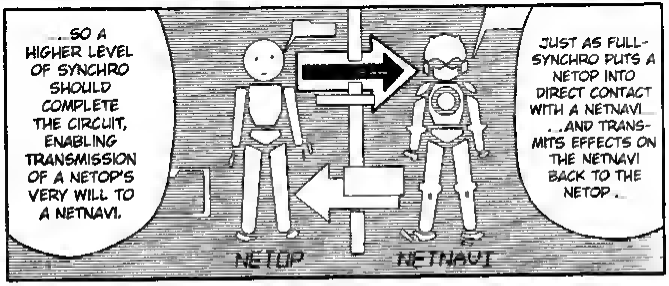
CLONK
WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?!
NYAA-AAH, NO WAY !!
DON'T WANNA START NO WEIRD RUMORS!
LAN...
...WANT TO WALK HOME TOGETHER ...?

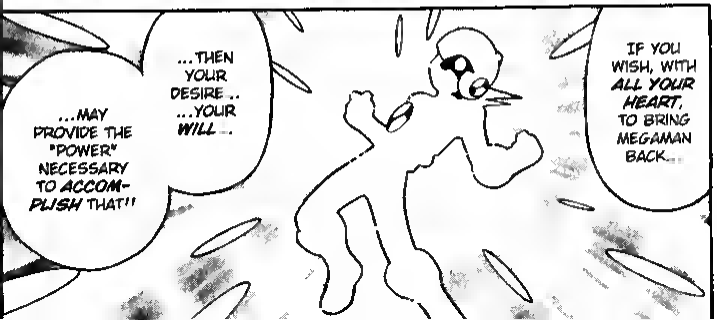
GOOOOOne
HE'S GONE! GONE!!
AAAA-AAH... UK! ...AAAA-AAAH!!

CHOU!
KNOCK IT OFF!!
ZWOOP
HUNH!!
STOP SCREWING AROUND, DARN YOU!!
GRUNK
H... HE DOES ...?
Griddle Grick
YOUR FATHER WANTS TO SEE YOU!
GET YOUR BUTT OVER TO SCI-LAB!!

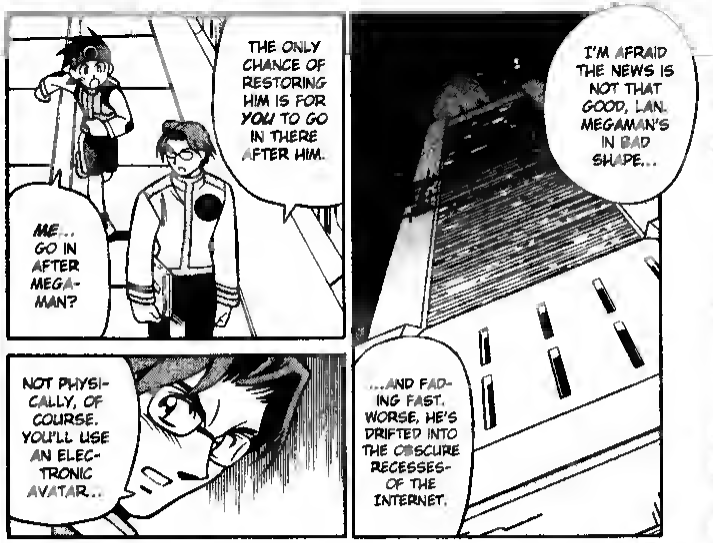
IT'S DOWN-RIGHT EMBAR-RASSING.
FEH!
YOU SURE KICK UP A FUSS.
!
BLAZE ...!
...EVER UNDER-STAND!!
YOU'LL NEVER ...
WAMM
BAFFAM
SHUT UP!!!
POW
HEY! CUT IT OUT!!

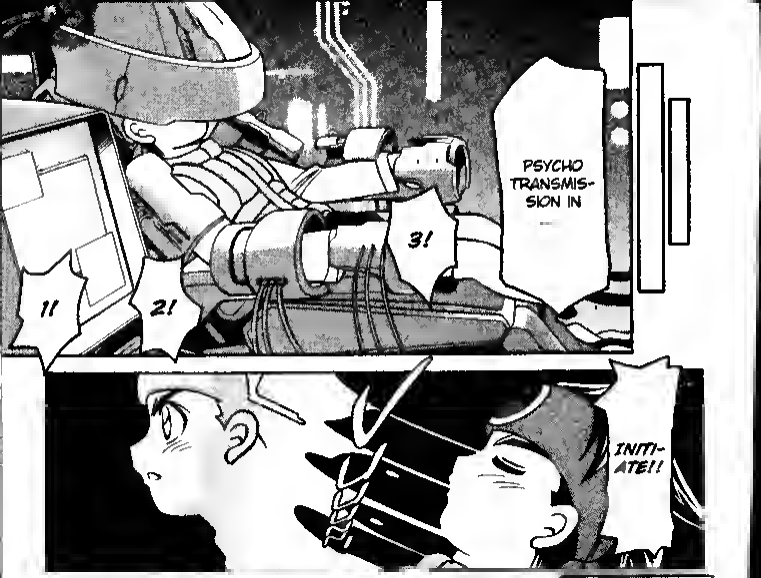

WOW! THEN WHAT DO I DO?
USE YOUR FEELINGS, LAN! TRANSMIT THEM TO MEGAMAN!
...WHICH CAN LINK THE HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS DIRECTLY WITH THE CYBER WORLD
...GENERATED BY THIS DEVICE.


...SO A HIGHER LEVEL OF SYNCHRO SHOULD COMPLETE THE CIRCUIT, ENABLING TRANSMISSION OF A NETOP'S VERY WILL TO A NETNAVI.
JUST AS FULL-SYNCHRO PUTS A NETOP INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH A NETNAVI... ...AND TRANSMITS EFFECTS ON THE NETNAVI BACK TO THE NETOP.
NETOP
NETNAVI


...MAY PROVIDE THE "POWER" NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT!!
...THEN YOUR DESIRE.. ...YOUR WILL...
IF YOU WISH, WITH ALL YOUR HEART, TO BRING MEGAMAN BACK...

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?!
WITH YOUR FIST IN MY FACE?! C'MON!!
THERE'S A CONFIRMED ID SIGNAL! HE STILL EXISTS!
YES! AND IT CONCERNS MEGAMAN!!
...!!


ME... GO IN AFTER MEGAMAN?
THE ONLY CHANCE OF RESTORING HIM IS FOR YOU TO GO IN THERE AFTER HIM.
NOT PHYSICALLY, OF COURSE. YOU'LL USE AN ELECTRONIC AVATAR..
I'M AFRAID THE NEWS IS NOT THAT GOOD, LAN. MEGAMAN'S IN BAD SHAPE...
...AND FADING FAST. WORSE, HE'S DRIFTED INTO THE OBSCURE RECESSES OF THE INTERNET.

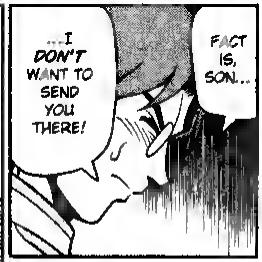

PSYCHO TRANSMIS-SION IN
3!
2!
1!
INITI-ATE!!

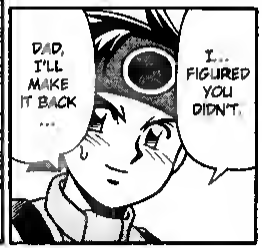
SO THIS IS THE CYBER-WORLD.. MEGA-MAN'S WORLD!!
...!
LAN HIKARI ...

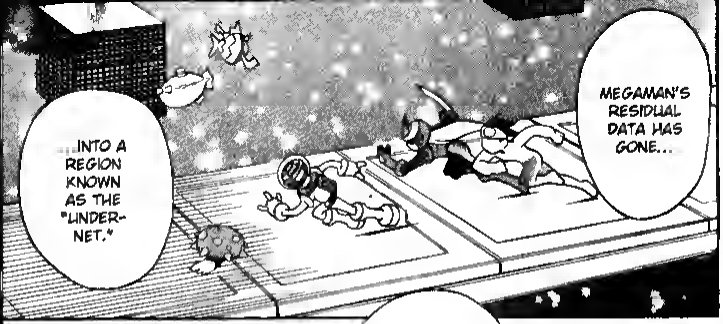
IF YOU MEET WITH ANY MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN THE CYBER WORLD...
...THERE'S A CHANCE YOUR CONSCIOUS-NESS WILL BE TRAPPED THERE FOREVER!

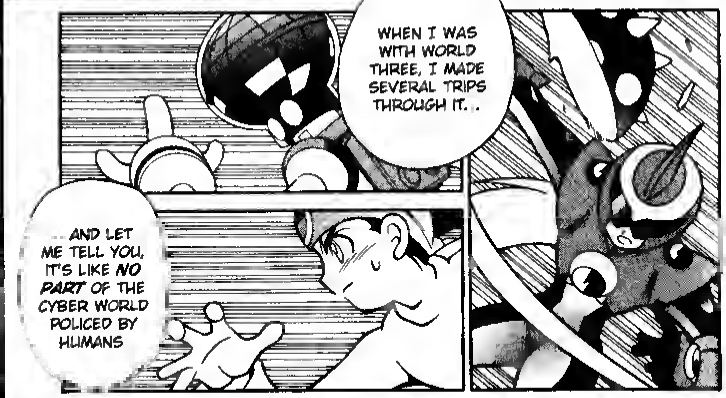
I CAN DO THAT, DAD!
I HAVE THE DESIRE, I HAVE THE WILL!
I KNOW.
BUT BE CARE-FUL! DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY!

AND MEGA-MAN'LL MAKE IT BACK, TOO!!!
... THAT'S A PROMISE!
LAN, IF ANY-ONE CAN...


FACT IS, SON...
...I DON'T WANT TO SEND YOU THERE!


I... FIGURED YOU DIDN'T.
DAD, I'LL MAKE IT BACK ...


MEGAMAN'S RESIDUAL DATA HAS GONE...
...INTO A REGION KNOWN AS THE "UNDER-NET."

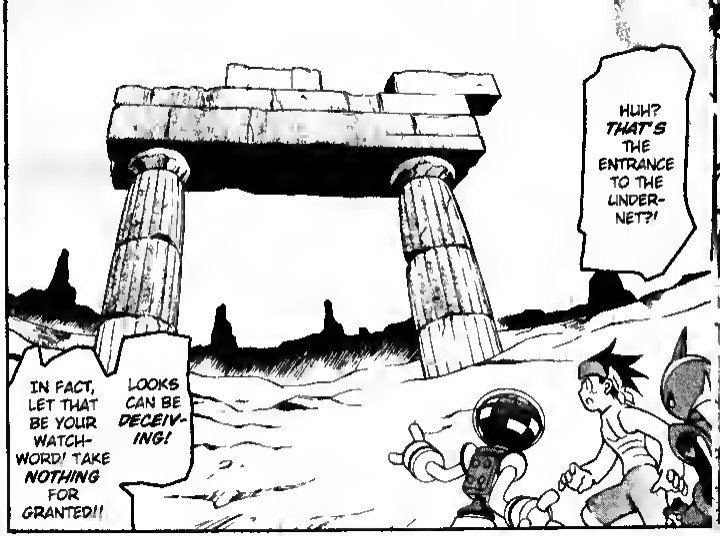

WHEN I WAS WITH WORLD THREE, I MADE SEVERAL TRIPS THROUGH IT...
...AND LET ME TELL YOU, IT'S LIKE NO PART OF THE CYBER WORLD POLICED BY HUMANS

NO ONE KNOWS WHY IT EXISTS...
...OR WHAT ITS TRUE DIMENSIONS ARE.
IT'S A PLACE STEEPED IN MYSTERY AND UNGUESS-ABLE PERIL...

...I SHALL BE YOUR GUIDE...
...WHILE PROTOMAN ACTS AS BODY-GUARD!
AND PROTO-MAN!!
THANKS, NUMBER-MAN!!

WE'D BETTER GET GOING!
DASH
I JUST GOT BORED WATCHING YOU MOPE AROUND.
CHALID!
ZWEEM
YOU CAN KEEP YOUR THANKS!
WOOPS!

!!
MEGA-MAN!!!


HUH? THAT'S THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDER-NET?!
LOOKS CAN BE DECEIV-ING!
IN FACT, LET THAT BE YOUR WATCH-WORD! TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED!!

...MEGA-MAN'S HERE!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
YET, I CAN FEEL...

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...CHAUD BLAZE'S VOICE IS VERY FAINT...
AT SUCH A DIS-TANCE...
WHERE ARE YOU?!
MEGA-MAAAAN!
WE'VE COME TO SAVE YOU!

SI-LENCE!
THE WEAK SHALL PERISH! SUCH IS THE CODE OF THE UNDERNET!
JUST A MOMENT!
ALL WE WANT...
THE WEAK AND PITI-ABLE, YOU SAY?!
DIE BY YOUR MORONIC CODE!!
FINE THEN!!
SHWICK SHWACK
VROOSH

IT'S LAN!! C'MON, ANSWER ME!!
MEGA-MAAAN!! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
WHO HAVE WE HERE? VISITORS TO THE "UNDER-NET?"
THE DISINTE-GRATION IS HAPPENING FASTER THAN ANTICI-PATED!
HE'S JUST MINUTES FROM FULL DELETION!
LEAVE AT ONCE!!
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR THE WEAK AND PITIABLE!

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, EH?!
!!
HELLO? A HUMAN ?!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
YES! STAY BACK, BLAST IT!
AND EVERY SECOND COUNTS!!
WE'RE HERE TO SAVE MEGAMAN !!
LET'S TRY THE TEMPER OF YOUR COMMIT-MENT!!
HOW AMUSING!
HA HA HA HA HA
WE DON'T WANT TO STAY, OR FIGHT!
THAT'S RIGHT!
...JUST TO RE-TRIEVE THAT BLOB OF JUNK DATA?
A HUMAN HAS COME HERE...
SLICE!!!
KRUMP!
PROTO-MAN!
NO WAY...
...NO WAY HE COULD JUST...
HEH HEH...
SHUK
...NOT BAD... FOR A "CIVILIZED" NETNAVI.

DON'T RISK YOURSELF HERE!
LAN! COME BACK!
I'M COMING!! I'LL SAVE YOU!!
HANG ON, MEGA-MAN!!
IF YOU DO YOU'LL DIE FOR REAL!!
IRRAAASH
!!
YIIEE!!
SLI

FIRE FORCE !!!
AAA-UGH!!
FROOSH
!!
FRAAAASH
MEGA-MAN!!
HOW EASILY YOU'RE DIS-TRACTED!
BE SHARP, OR YOUR PRECIOUS BLOB WILL BURN UP!

!!
SHWOOM
CAH-CUH-CRICK
CRACK
MEGA-MAAANN !!!
SPRING

EEEE-YAAH!!
CRICKLE CRACKLE
HURK !!
C'MON, MEGA-MAN...
...WE'RE GOIN' HOME... TOGETHER ...
SHFF SHFF SHFF
HAH! THIS AIN'T NOTHIN'!
YOU CALL THIS HOT?!
...

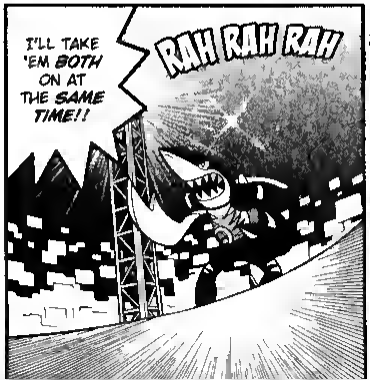
MEGA-MAN !!!
LAN!!!
WHO... WHOSE VOICE IS... LAN...?
BANG
I FEEL... ENERGY... POWER ...
IT'S YOU AND ME, PAL!!
NO MATTER WHAT, WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER !!
ME...
...!

ENORMOUS, ROILING EDDIES OF ENERGY. .
YEAH? LIKE WHAT?
LAN .
...WHILE I WAS FADING, I FELT SOME-THING...
THERE ARE LEGIONS OF ENTITIES IN THE UNDER-NET...
..OBSCURE BUT POWERFUL, LURKING IN THE SHADOWS.
...TO CHALLENGE THESE DARK WARRIORS, AND BECOME STRONGER!!
THAT SETTLES IT... I WILL COME BACK HERE..
LAN?! YOU'RE IN THE CYBER-WORLD?!
YOU'RE CRAZY, DUDE!!
YEP! AND IT'S ONE WILD PLACE!!
YOU REALLY HAD ME GOIN' THERE!!
...!
ILLUSION ...ALL OF IT!
YES, AND THERE WERE FLAMES ...BUT ...
THEY'RE GONE!!
WE WERE FALLING! WEREN'T WE?
I UH... HUH?
ONE DAY. .I WOULD LIKE TO MEET HIM IN BATTLE.
LET'S LEAVE! NOW!
DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT TWICE!
THAT DYING DATA WAS RESUR-RECTED INTEREST-ING...

CHAPTER 6:
ATTAINING TRUE POWER...

I... THAT IS...
...WE DID INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THEY...
I ENTERED THIS CONTEST TO FIGHT THEM!!!

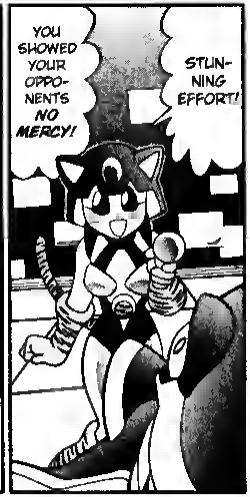
I AIN'T IMPRESSED !!
I WANT 'EM TO COME OUT RIGHT NOW AN' FIGHT ME!!!
THEY THINK THEY'RE ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY 'CUZ THEY'RE CALLED CHILD PRODIGIES !!


I'LL TAKE 'EM BOTH ON AT THE SAME TIME!!
RAH RAH RAH

YER ALL-TIME NUMBER ONE!
AWRIGHT, SHARK-MAN!

RAAAHHH
THE WINNER: SHARK-MAN!!!
FOR THE HERCULES CUP NET-BATTLE TOURNA-MENT ...

WHY DIDN'T THE TWO GUYS WHO TROUNCED WORLD THREE SHOW UP?!
HEY, HEY, HEY!!!
EEK !!


YOU SHOWED YOUR OPPO-NENTS NO MERCY!
STUN-NING EFFORT!

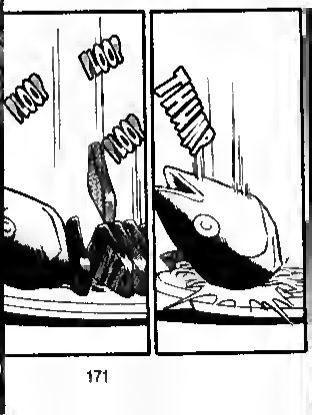
TOCK
TOCK
TOCK
TOCK
CRASH!!
HUH ...?
DEKYO
KOKEN
BSHHHO
DEKYO
KOKEN
BSHHHO
..AT ONLY.. 11 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS OF AGE ..
ON THE 15TH OF THIS MONTH, DEFEATED IN NETBATTLE WITH A CLOSE FRIEND...AND DELETED..
Sniff
Blub
Sniffle

OUR TOURNAMENT HAS THE RICHEST PURSES!!
WE'LL PAY MILLIONS BILLIONS! FOR LICENSING RIGHTS !!
HIKARI !
PLEASE, ENTER OUR COMPANY'S NETBATTLE TOURNAMENT!!
EVERY MATCH IS TELEVISED DURING PRIME-TIME!!
YEEE-EK!!
ROCK!
LAN HIKARI THE CHILD PRODIGY WHO SAVED THE WORLD !!
OUR CONTRACT! SIGN! SIGN!!
LAN'S STILL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ...!
PLEASE CALM DOWN!
RUUUMMMBLE
YOU'RE JUST PURVEYORS OF VIOLENCE!
OUR NETBATTLE TOURNAMENT IS ART!!
DON'T TRY TO CUT IN ON OUR ACTION!!
BACK OFF!! YOUR TOURNAMENTS ARE RIGGED !!

HEE HEE...
IT WORKED, LAN. THEY'RE GONE.
MAN, WHAT A LET-DOWN.
AN' WE GOT NO CLUE WHERE THAT OTHER KID IS
CLONK
...
OOOW-WW!!
DID WE FOOL THEM?
HOW'D IT GO?
WIFF

WAA-AHHH!
UM.. WHAT'S GOING ON?
IS THIS THE CHILD PRO-DIGY?
TIIING
...OUR HERO, MEGA-MAN!
GONE... BECAUSE OF MY WEAK-NESS!!
WHAT ?!
GUESS YOU FELL FOR THAT STUFF TOO, HUH?
GEE!..
IT'S PATHETIC, REALLY! HE'D DO ANYTHING FOR ATTEN-TION!!
LAN'S ALWAYS DOING THAT...
SHOW-ING OFF AND STRETCH-ING THE TRUTH!

HAI-YAH !!!
HAH !!
SHWAP
SHWA
SHW


KLOOP
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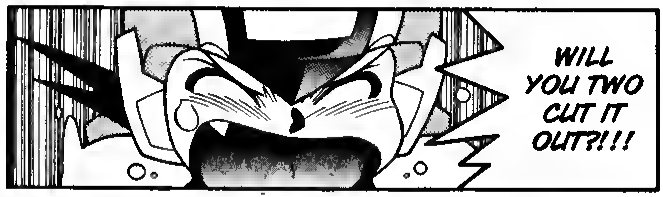
THUNK

ZWING
ZWING

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO CALL ME PATHETIC!
THUMP
BOMP
COULDN'T RESIST INSULTING ME, HUH?!
WHY NOT?! DESCRIBES YOU PERFECTLY!!
CRASH
YOU TOLD ME TO LAY IT ON GOOD AND THICK!!


WILL YOU TWO CUT IT OUT?!!

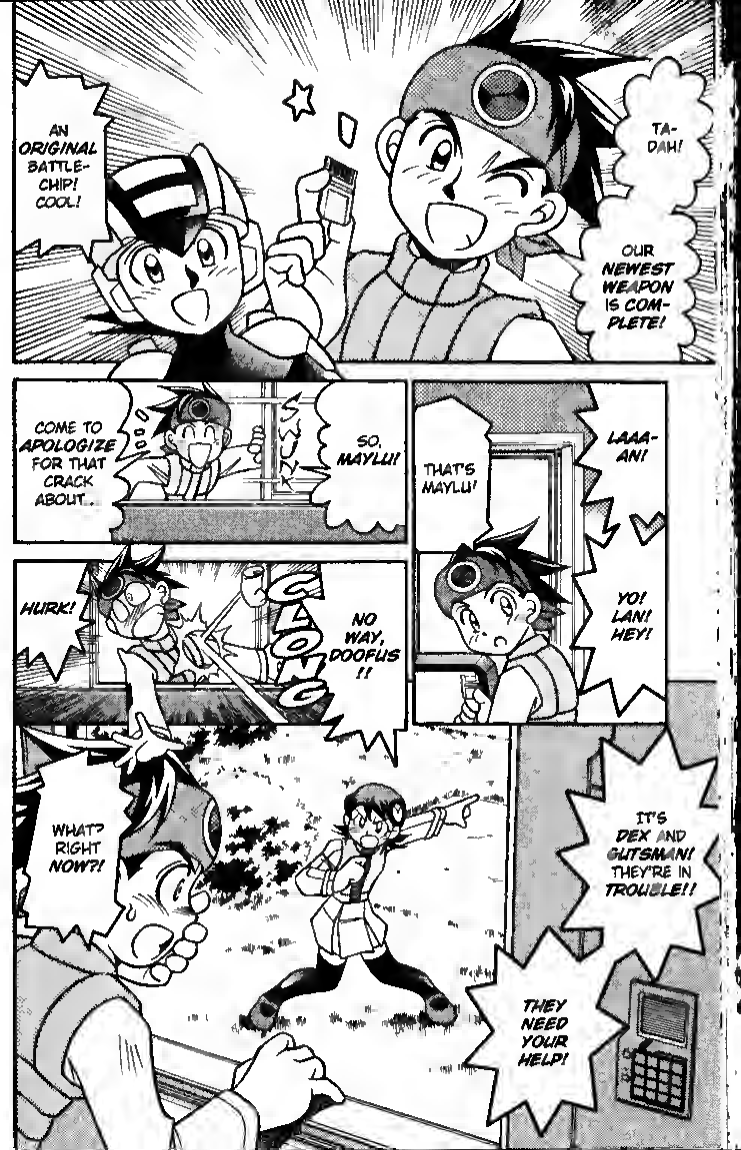
BRUMBLE
BRUMBLE

I AM DEFEATED ...BY THE POWER OF GROWN-UP FEET.
SSSSH
TEE OOOH AAAH
TWITCH TWITCH
WHAM
OUTTA THE WAY!!
MOVE IT!!
STOP
STOP
GRR-UGH!!
HUH ...?
THUMP
HEY KID, GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU.
SMILE
EXCEPTIONAL NET-BATTLING SKILL?
WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHO THAT IS?
I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT A KID WITH EXCEPTIONAL NET-BATTLING SKILL...
Heh Heh Heh
WELL? DO YOU KNOW?!

DA-DAH
INCREDIBLE!
ARTISTIC PERFECTION!!
AMAZING CULINARY SKILL!!
EEEEE
FREE SUSHI-GRADE TUNA! TO ANY AND ALL COMERS!!
I'M MAYSA, THE FREE-LANCE FISH MARKET MAN!!
TODAY I'M BRINGING YOU THE BARGAIN TO END ALL BARGAINS!!
YEE-HAW
WE HAVEN'T HAD SUSHI IN SIX MONTHS!!
AWRIGHT! MOM'S GONNA SWOON!

TICK
TICK
TICK
WELL, IF I KEEP PRETENDING I'M AN EMOTIONAL WRECK THAT SHOULD COOL THINGS OFF
WHY DON'T YOU ENTER ONE?
WHAT ABOUT NETBATTLING? YOU'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE TOURNAMENTS
TICK TICK TICK
NAW.. CAN'T GET IN THE MOOD...
—FER PETE'S SAKE, YOU PULL DOWN ONE TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION AND EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF YOU
YOUR AUTOGRAPH PARTY AT SCHOOL DIDN'T EXACTLY DAMPEN THEIR INTEREST!
KA-SHICK
AW-RIGHT! IT'S DONE!
I'VE GOTTA MEASURE UP TO NEW STANDARDS ...
ANYWAY, I'M NOT AS GOOD AS I THOUGHT
YOU'RE THE CHILD PRODIGY ?!
WHAT? YOU MEAN
CONSIDER YOURSELF CHALLENGED!
OKAY, KID!
SWIIP
HEH.. SEEMS LIKE...
WORD'S BEEN SPREADING ABOUT THAT
SWA-FLOOSH
IF YA WIN AGAINST ME AND SHARKMAN.
...YA GET THE PICK OF ANYTHING ON MY FISHCART!!!

IF THIS IS THE KID WHO SAVED THE WORLD
RRRUUUNNN!!
WEAK!!
HE'S WEAK! AND CLUMSY!!
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!!
STOP!!
SPIN
FINISH
...THEN I'M THE GUY TO PROTECT THE ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM!!
GUTSMAN'S NOT THE ONE WHO DEFEATED WORLD THREE!!


AN ORIGINAL BATTLE-CHIP! COOL!
TA-DAH! OUR NEWEST WEAPON IS COM-PLETE!
COME TO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT CRACK ABOUT...
SO, MAYLU!!
SWIN
THAT'S MAYLU!
LAAA-AN!
YO! LAN! HEY!
HURK!
NO WAY, DOOFUS!!
CLONG
WHAT? RIGHT NOW?!
IT'S DEX AND GUTSMAN! THEY'RE IN TROUBLE!!
THEY NEED YOUR HELP!

FOR THAT, I'LL FILLET YOU HEAD TO TOE!!!
YOU WASTED MY TIME!!
GET OUTTA HERE, ROLL!!
NO!! DON'T !!

WHO... WHO'RE YOU?!
YOU'RE ACTING PRETTY BRATTY YOURSELF, POPS!
WHAT?!
KAWHAM
KAWHAM
KAWHAM

...A 100...
YES, BUT THAT'S...

UH?! WHAZZAT?!
THAT KID SAID HE WAS THE CHILD PRODIGY.

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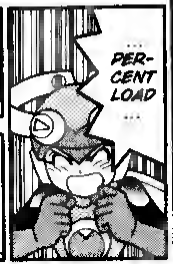
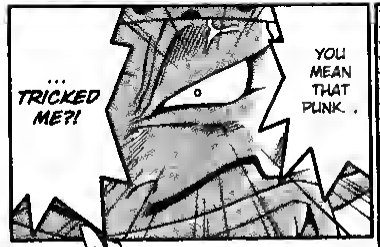
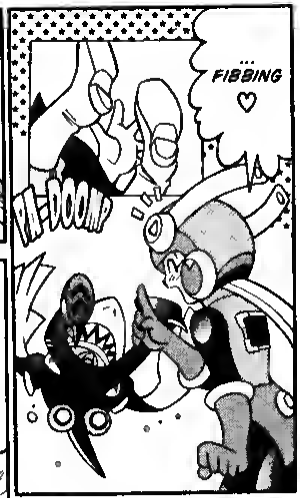
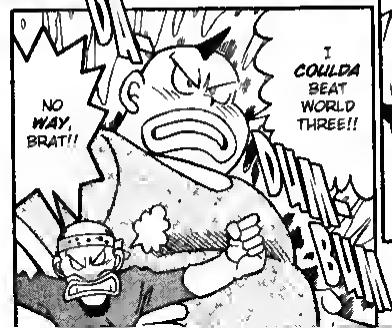

...PER-CENT LOAD...

...OF...


...TRICKED ME?!
YOU MEAN THAT PUNK...


...FIBBING ♡
HI-POOP

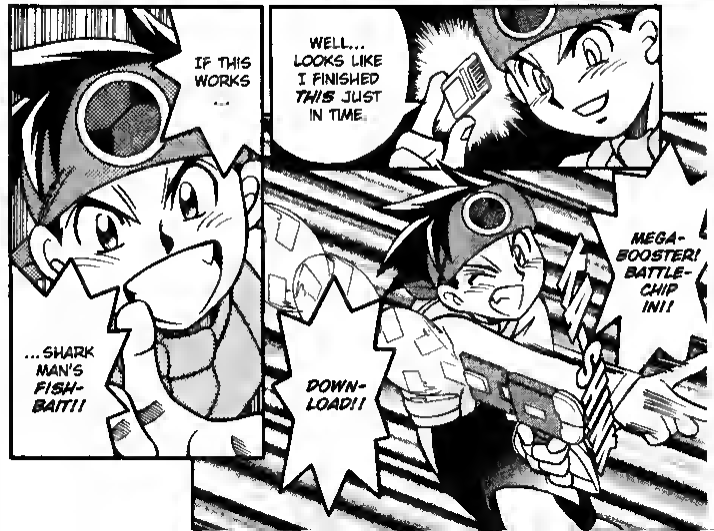

NO WAY, BRAT!!
I COULDA BEAT WORLD THREE!!
DUH-BUH

SKUUSH
AH HA!!
THE REAL DEAL AT LAST!!
I'VE GOT YOU! THERE'S NO ESCAPE!!
BWANG
THE TOP TROPHY !!
SHWINK
HIS DORSAL FIN SPLIT IN THREE !!
!!

A KID WARNING A GROWN-UP NOT TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!
LAN!!
DEX HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON! LET HIM GO!
IF YOU HAVE TO BEAT UP SOMEBODY...
...TRY ME ON FOR SIZE!
MEGAMAN!!
THAT, FISH DUDE, IS THE NETNAVI THAT'S BEEN TROUNCING ALL COMERS, INCLUDING...
... WORLD THREE !!

RROAR!!
MEGA-BOOSTER ?!!
!
ZOWIE!
AT RAMJET SPEED!!
HE ...HE'S AIR-BORNE !!

WHOO! HE'S FAST!!
GUH!
SHWING


IF THIS WORKS ...
...SHARK MAN'S FISH-BAIT!!
WELL... LOOKS LIKE I FINISHED THIS JUST IN TIME.
DOWN-LOAD!!
MEGA-BOOSTER! BATTLE-CHIP IN!!
SLIP

SWIP SWIP SWIP
THIS THING'S... A BIT TOUGH ...TO CONTROL !!!
KA-WHAM
KA-RRUMP
LAA-ANN!!
KA-RUMP
BU-RAAH!
PLOUF
INCOM-PETENT CLOWN!!
SKIIISH
CHOW
GRUMPH
ROAR
PEE-OOOW!
URK!

HURF
HURF
HURF
IT'LL BE TRICKY, BUT I'LL...
...MAKE IT WORK!!
I AGREE, LAN!
MEGA-BOOSTER FULL POWER!!!
RRRR
RRR
SHARK-MAN'S GOING OVER!!

WHO'S FISHBAIT NOW?!!
YAAGH!!
...HIT US WITH DELE-TION!!
IF WE LOSE, THIS GUY'S GONNA ...
MEGA-MAN! WE CAN'T GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN!!
SHARKMAN'S STRONGER THAN THAT UNDER-NETNAVI WHO NAILED PROTOMAN!
HULY CATS!
...!
AND PROTO-MAN BEAT THE TAR OUTTA MEGAMAN! WE'RE COM-PLETELY OUT-CLASSED!

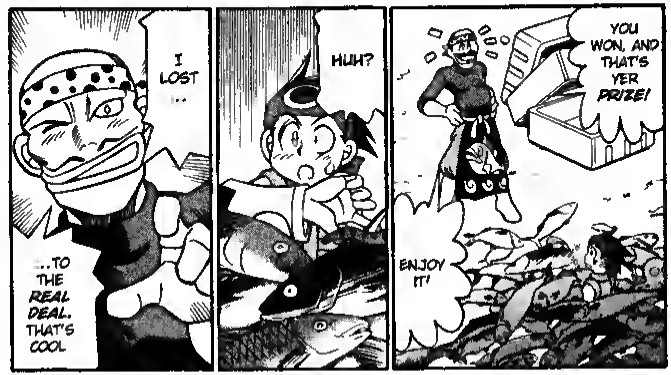
BLOOOP
THAT'LL DO..
...UNTIL I CAN GET A CHANCE TO PRACTICE!
!!
AW-RIGHT KID!!
NOW YER GONNA GET IT!!
TJUUU!
WHAT'S THE IDEA?!
YOU LOST! YOU CAN'T ...
HEY!!

GO GO GO!!!
THAT WALL!! NOOO!!!
S... STOP !!
OR WE'LL ...!!!
BOOOM

YEP. AND WE'VE GOTTA BE READY FOR 'EM
MAYSA THE FISH-MONGER AND SHARK-MAN...
I CAN SEE IT...
...
FIERCE NET-BATTTLERS ...AND THERE ARE MORE OUT THERE.

I KEEP TELLING YOU.. I CAN'T EAT!!
WE'LL EAT FISH AND TRAIN FIERCELY !!
...THAT DARK SHADOW ..LOOMING OUT AHEAD OF THEM...
...
TO BE CONTINUED!

PLOO!
PLOO!
YAA-AAH !!!
PLOO!
PLOO!


I LOST ...
...TO THE REAL DEAL. THAT'S COOL
HUH?
YOU WON, AND THAT'S YER PRIZE!
ENJOY IT!

IT'LL GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND YOU'LL NEED IT, I THINK!
FISH IS GOOD FOR YOU
EAT UP.